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As pressures mount on our schools, are we facing a teacher crisis?

Special KoS Report

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THERE are growing fears we are edging towards a crisis in the classroom as schools find themselves struggling to fill vacancies among both staff and head teachers.

A potent cocktail of increasing stress, piled on by government demands, league tables, Ofsted inspections and the selective system in Kent are meaning the county's schools are struggling to recruit.

It has resulted in head teacher positions filled by interims, teachers being recruited from overseas and schools becoming reliant on temporary staff.

All of which is putting a huge strain on the structure of many of the county's secondary and primary schools, and seeing some of the best teachers quitting the industry altogether.

A key problem remains in attracting staff from outside of the county to work here.

Kent County Council, the local education authority, told KoS there had been a recruitment drive in Ireland earlier this year, and it was not unusual for them to recruit from English-speaking countries.

Some teachers even told us their schools were looking to recruit from as far away as Australia in a bid to fill widening gaps in their staff rooms.

KCC corporate director of education, Patrick Leeson, said during the Irish recruitment drive the county "continues to have difficulties recruiting well qualified teachers from outside of Kent".

Divisional secretary of the Kent branch of the National Union of Teachers (NUT), John Walder, said there were a number of potential reasons why this county in particular struggled so much.

He said: "Kent has a selective education

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BRAD'S BLOCKBUSTER PUTS KENT IN PICTURE

STARS: Brad Pitt's World War Z, which was part shot in Kent, opened this week – **SEE INSIDE**

WEATHER

TV weather star's forecast

TOP BBC weather girl Rachel Mackley looks into her crystal ball to try and predict if we can finally expect a steamy summer this year.

We spoke to the rising star to see if some of Kent's biggest events and festivals can expect sunshine or showers. Find out inside. **PAGE 3**

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Clouds loom over ferry firm

CROSS-CHANNEL operator Eurotunnel has vowed to fight a decision by the Competition Commission to block its MyFerryLink service from operating from Dover.

It has cast a shadow over some 100 staff employed in Dover and hundreds more in France. **PAGE 7**

WILDLIFE

Bees buzz into nature reserve

THEY have been extinct in this country for nearly 25 years, but the short-haired bumblebee is back at one of the county's nature reserves.

An international rescue mission which has seen bees buzzed in from Sweden hopes to re-establish a colony in Dungeness. **PAGE 27**

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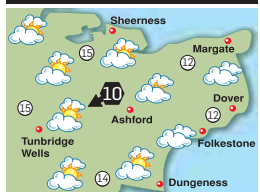
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Weather



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Dover	00.07	6.3	12.30	6.4
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Constant targets are 'destroying teachers and putting others off' joining the profession

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system and I know when I talk to colleagues of mine outside the county they won't consider teaching here because of that.

"They don't want to teach in a divided county. They also don't want to bring their own children here to be taught in a selective system."

He said qualified teachers are therefore not applying for jobs in Kent.

"Head teachers are going begging as are jobs in specialist subjects," he said.

"One of the things I've noticed is when I go around schools I see Irish number plates into the double digits in the car parks. There are schools which are significantly staffed by people from Ireland.

"It's been going on for a while; teachers coming from other parts of the world and we get some great people.

"But the fact is that we should be worried – we should staff our schools with our own people. Instead, teachers from places like South Africa, Australia, Canada and India are teaching in Kent."

Mr Walder said the bad press teachers have had in recent years has also gone to sour what had always been a well-respected and popular profession.

"Education secretary Michael Gove rubbishes teachers. There are wonder-



PUT OFF: Teachers shunning our schools

ful teachers doing a wonderful job, but he's talking about how awful they are.

"We don't want children taught by unhappy teachers – happy teachers means happy kids."

He stressed that constant targets and observations were putting people off the profession and that teachers were consistently being watched and judged on their abilities.

"The whole thing with what's happening can be traced back to league tables," he said. "It's destroying teachers and putting others off becoming one."

Education consultant Peter Read, from Kent Independent Education Advice, admitted it was a worrying situation.

Commenting on head teachers in particular, he said: "I'm prepared to believe that people don't want to be head teachers. The pressures are huge with league tables and Ofsted.

"I'm critical at times about head teachers and there has to be accountability, but it's not always the head teacher's fault. It could be the people behind them or the local authority.

"Head teachers need good support: they've basically got a gun to their head. He added: "How many acting heads do we have filling the positions?"

Last year, KCC revealed in a report that 49 schools did not have a dedicated head teacher, instead an acting head or executive head teacher, who is in charge of several schools.

KCC told KoS the county was in line nationally with the need to recruit teachers for English, maths and science.

A spokeswoman said teachers come to Kent from all over the globe, particularly Australia, Canada and New Zealand, but stressed there were no additional benefits given to them.

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CONTEST

Teen in National Theatre finals

A TEENAGER from Tonbridge is set to see his play performed by professional actors after his work was shortlisted in a major national writing competition.

Richard O'Grady, from Tonbridge School, was chosen out of 300 entries from 47 schools to be one of 10 works selected for the final stage of New Views, the National Theatre's annual writing competition.

Next month it will undergo a rehearsed reading by professionals at the National Theatre.

CHARITY

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HAVE you ever raised money for children's hospice Demelza? Then the charity wants to hear from you to help it create a special photo montage to mark its 15th birthday.

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WEATHER

Will summer prove a scorcher? We ask TV weather girl Rachel...

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RACHEL Mackley tries to bring a little sunshine into our homes with her regular weather forecasts on TV – but she is unable to promise a sun-drenched summer.

The popular presenter, 30, predicted further unsettled weather this month, but did say just because spring had been one of the coldest on record, it didn't mean the summer would disappoint too.

All of which will be music to the ears of organisers behind many of the county's major outdoor events, who are praying for good weather to help swell the crowds.

In addition, there are the traditional national events such as Wimbledon and the Glastonbury Festival later this month.

Miss Mackley, who presents on BBC South East Today, said: "We may have had the coldest spring in 50 years, but there's no reason why we can't have a lovely summer.

"It's one of those things though, because of climate change we get the extremes. But it's actually not that different from years ago.

"Thinking back to when I was at school, I remember the summers were awesome, but actually they were similar to what we see today."

Miss Mackley joked to KoS that she feels personally responsible when the weather takes a turn for the worse.

"The thing is we live on an island so it makes sense the weather is quite interesting," she said.

"This weekend should be good, but by the end of next week it will be more unsettled and it will be a bit hit-and-miss by the end of June."

But the rising star, who has become a popular addition to the local BBC team, says they tend not to forecast beyond 30 days as the weather can change so much.

She added: "All I can say is there will be a north/south divide and we can hope that Kent gets the best of it. The great thing is when the sun is out



ALL SMILES: BBC's weather presenter Rachel Mackley feels responsible when the weather is bad

people really do make the most of it. I'm just happy when I've got the forecast exactly right."

Miss Mackley is an unlikely weathergirl, starting out with aspirations of a career in art and studying fine art at Newcastle University.

But after the birth of her son, Theo, she moved back to Leeds and, restarting her career, took a job in public relations in Edinburgh, before embarking on a journalism career at Leeds Trinity and All Saints College with the help of an ITV bursary.

COMPETITION

Hundreds put pen to paper in hope of winning 100-word story contest

JUDGES have started sifting through more than 1,700 entries submitted for the 100-word story competition.

Organised by Kent County Council and supported by this newspaper, the contest gave all ages the challenge of writing a story in the space of just 100 words.

It ran throughout May and was designed to coincide with National Share a Story month.

In total, 1,743 entries were received across all the age ranges.

Over the next two weeks, the judges will be busy whittling them down to a shortlist of 12 in each category, before choosing a winner and two runners up for each.

The judges include a panel from KoS, Waterstones

bookshop in Maidstone, Kent County Council Libraries and Archives and Kent County Council Education, Learning and Skills.

Roger Gough, KCC cabinet member for education and health reform, said: "The biggest thank you goes to all those who took part, and particularly those children and the teachers whose enthusiasm drove them to put pen to paper, or fingers to keyboards, and produce such thoughtful, well-crafted and entertaining tales."

Winners and runners-up will be told of their success later this month and will be invited to a certificate presentation event in Maidstone on July 4, where they will receive their prize.



WRITE ON: KCC received more than 1,700 entries to competition

HERITAGE

Plane salvage attempt

EFFORTS to lift a rare World War Two fighter plane from the seabed off the Kent coast will resume again this weekend, after the weather earlier this week dashed efforts.

Experts want to raise a German Dornier 17 plane from its resting place off the Goodwin Sands.

Choppy waters off the coast meant there was a danger to damaging the plane - believed to be the last of its kind in the world. The bomber is lying in 50ft of water off the coast of Deal.

CRIME

Death driver is jailed

A LORRY driver has been jailed for four years for causing a crash which killed a moped rider.

James Eagles, 44, from Haywards Heath had been driving along the A228 near East Peckham on May 29 last year when his vehicle ploughed into the back of a moped being ridden by William Stevenson, 74, from Wrotham Heath. Mr Stevenson died shortly after being rushed to hospital.

ANIMALS

'Lame' horse warning

HORSE buyers are being warned by police to carry out stringent checks to ensure the animal isn't lame or carrying injuries, after reports that fraudulent dealers are working in the county.

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GOVERNMENT

County Hall chiefs reveal extent of job losses as result of spending cuts

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ALMOST 1,600 jobs have been cut at Kent County Council in the last two years, new figures reveal.

Including school staff, the number soars even more to a staggering 6,651 posts since March 2011. However, this huge drop in the school workforce is likely to be down to schools becoming academies and staff therefore leaving the KCC payroll.

These latest figures were revealed at a personnel committee meeting at County Hall on Thursday, where members were updated on the council's annual workforce profile. It de-

tailed how many posts had been scrapped since the council began implementing spending cuts in response to reductions in government grants. KCC unveiled its budget earlier this year revealing cuts of £94 million in 2013-14, an additional £34m than first expected.

Three years ago, KCC set out robust plans to save £340m over four years, which included some 1,500 posts – excluding school staff – being scrapped. This figure is now closer to 1,600. Some 1,584 posts have gone since 2011, with 505 staff leaving in 2012-13 and costing KCC £3.9m in redundancy, an average of £9,450 each. The meeting also revealed sickness levels, with the average member of full time staff taking 7.38 days off between 2012-13.



FACILITIES

Town museum shuts

THE MUSEUM in Tunbridge Wells is to close until the autumn as work takes place on improving access to the building.

In addition, the town's library will also close for the next two weeks as a consequence of the same work which includes enhancing facilities.

The library will reopen on June 24 while the museum will stay shut until early autumn.

Both form part of the town hall complex on Civic Way.

ROADS

BBC crossing debate

A MAJOR debate in to plans for a third Thames crossing will take place in July - hosted by BBC Radio Kent.

Taking place on July 8 at the Hilton Dartford Bridge Hotel at 6pm, it will examine the options put forward by the Government for a new £5bn crossing to help ease congestion.

To apply for free tickets email radio.kent@bbc.co.uk or write: BBC Radio Kent, The Great Hall, Mt Pleasant Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1QQ.

EDUCATION

Now children, for your

Marijke Cox learns about the free school that

FREE schools have, so far, had a habit of causing controversy rather than fulfilling the prerequisite demand from their communities to justify their opening.

Yet while others have sparked cries of derision from experts and residents for a myriad of reasons, ranging from failure to be housed in certain preferred buildings or a more straight forward complaint of simply not addressing a need for additional school places, one stands apart from the crowd.

Boasting, arguably, the most interesting concept of them all, Hadlow College, near Tonbridge, is using its agricultural roots as the basis of an educational ethos it is planning to roll out at its community secondary free school.

Which, being in the Garden of England, seems most apt.

The team behind the school, which opens for students in September, says its goals will be to inspire children to aspire, combining a timetable of traditional academic subjects – matching the National Curriculum – with land-based, practical activities.

And don't be fooled into thinking of lessons simply discussing agriculture; students will be outside milking cows, night fishing and assisting with animal management.

It is filling a genuine niche in a world of laptops and gadgets, and is refreshingly different in the way it instills skills and concepts to the children involved. Michael Gove must love it.

In an era where agriculture – one of the county's traditional economic backbones – is now kept alive by a steady flow of hard-working, often migrant, workers, the prospect of Kent educating a new breed of land experts hints at the industry blossoming once again on the horizon.

The school, its new principal Paul Hannan says, will be practically an "outdoor classroom".

The focus, as well as being on raising literacy and numeracy, is on developing expertise about new technologies and science.

It's about, according to vice principal of the college Lynda Brown, helping children to develop their practical skills, and increasing self-esteem and employability.

It is hard not to admire its lofty ambitions. It is hard not to see it as actually ticking all the boxes free schools were designed to address.

"The school has coherent, robust progression routes," says Mrs Brown.

"I want these younger children at 11 to see students at 16 moving into higher education programmes, at the college, seeing them working with horses or on other land-based courses, and thinking 'I want to do that', seeing the kind of professions they can go into, whether it is veterinary or managing a fishery.

"This is how we will get that aspiration."

For Mrs Brown, this new free school is a seed she has long tended.

She explained: "We had just had a really outstanding inspection back in 2010 and we looked at what we thought we could do next to enhance land-based education across Kent.

"We looked at the free schools idea and saw it as a good opportunity for us to educate young people from the age of 11."

The existing Hadlow College caters for students aged between 14 and 19, but the free school – due to run in temporary buildings on the site near Tonbridge for the first year – will encourage pupils to begin their land-based studies at a younger age.

"Starting from 11 means we're not encouraging students to leave school at 14 and join us, they can start at 11 and have a really fulfilling

THE SCHOOL...

One of a handful of new secondary free schools in Kent approved by the Government, the Hadlow establishment, which will receive state funding but be privately run, will cater for 11-16-year-olds, with new buildings based at Faulkner's Farm on the Tonbridge campus.

The free school team is currently going through the planning process but hopes the new building will be ready to open in September 2014.

Children who join the school this September will be taught in temporary facilities.

Headteacher designate Steven Davies said he has already recruited staff who are currently busy planning their curriculum for the year ahead.

"This is the most enjoyable part of the job – looking at new and interesting ways of delivering the curriculum," he said.

"So many teachers want to come to this school, so it hasn't been difficult to recruit first class people."

The school will also have links with local businesses and employers who will assist with mentoring pupils and helping them to develop work skills.

THE COLLEGE...

Hadlow College has had its rural roots in Kent since 1968, with its campus located near Tonbridge and satellite campuses in Canterbury and London.

Specialising in agriculture and catering for 14-16-year-olds, the college offers courses in forestry and arboriculture, conservation and wildlife management, animal and fisheries management, equine studies and horticulture, among many others.

Pat Crawford, from the college, told KoS: "Some 85 per cent of Kent is designated as rural, but I think there is a serious problem with the lack of horticultural workers.

"Something has to be done to address this; we need help in the industry."

She said the free school could protect the industry by creating an ambitious workforce for the future.

school career here," said Mrs Brown.

"Schools are so driven by league tables – this really opens up what young people can do.

"Those who are struggling academically can really benefit from this.

"They would still do English and maths, the sciences – all the things they would do at a 'normal' school – but there is a real focus on land-based subjects. It will motivate and engage them in education in a way they perhaps might not have been before."

Headteacher designate Steven Davies said September's intake – the first to go through the doors of the new free school – includes grammar-suitable children who passed their 11-plus.

"It's a wide ability school, the kind that currently doesn't exist in Kent," he said.

"We provide for children who could have gone to grammar, for a wide range of abilities ... from my point of view they will get better provision than at other schools."



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WHAT IS A FREE SCHOOL?

The schools are all-ability state-funded establishments that are set up by local people in response to what is needed to improve education for the children in their community.

Tiger Primary School in Maidstone was the first free school to open in the county.

Planned free schools in Kent include:

Wye Free School
Near Ashford, a 600-capacity secondary.

Wells Free School
A primary for girls and boys (aged 4 to 11) with a capacity of 154 in Tunbridge Wells.

Sevenoaks Free School
A secondary for girls and boys (aged 11 to 18) with a capacity of 790 pupils for Sevenoaks – planned as a non-denominational Christian school.

Two others were given the green light by the Government last month:

Inspire special free school, Medway.
Jubilee Primary School, Maidstone.

BUDDING DEVELOPMENT: An artist's impression of the proposed free school buildings, below left are the school's headteacher Steve Davies and college vice principal Lynda Brown



breaking free schools policy say these new educational establishments could entice students away from other schools in the area, some which perhaps already struggle to fill spaces.

"We have been very open and transparent about what we are doing," said Mrs Brown.

"We won't be taking significant numbers away from any one school; it's just offering another option. We won't be taking more than two or three pupils away – we don't want to put other schools out of business. This is an alternative and appropriate option."

But interest has been, as expected, high, and not just from people in Kent but London and neighbouring Surrey.

In fact, so fierce was the interest, the initial intake of 30 pupils at Year 7 had to be doubled.

Mr Davies said: "A lot of land-based parents have been taking an interest and are really keen for their children to come here."

Parents of children due to start in September have been included in plans for the community school, including the uniform, from the green v-neck top right down to the steel toe-capped boots and combat trousers.

And that's what's important, says the team at Hadlow, ensuring parents, children, businesses and local people are involved in what seems to be doing exactly what is says on the tin – being a community school.

And for the Garden of England, the vision of incorporating rural with traditional is a no-brainer.

The school is small, with 60 Year 7s, split into three classes, and 20 Year 10s being taken on.

Eventually, the total headcount will be 330 children, small in comparison to traditional secondaries, although in line with some other free schools. But this is one of its strengths, according to Mrs Brown.

"We're really committed to keeping the school small. We think the whole ethos and vision is to remain small. If there is a need in other areas of the county, acting with integrity, we will see what we can do."

Mr Davies added: "Year-on-year we will take on similar numbers. We will be small and therefore able to offer personal support to benefit the students."

But what about the impact on other schools in the area? Some critics of the Coalition's ground-



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TRAVEL

Ferry company vows it won't be sunk as Competition Commission orders closure

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CROSS-CHANNEL operator MyFerryLink insists it remains "business as usual" despite the threat of closure after Thursday's decision by the Competition Commission.

The commission ruled Eurotunnel – which bought three boats from the collapsed SeaFrance to form the fleet for its MyFerryLink operation – was not to operate the cross-Channel route.

It said the move would allow it to price competitors out of the market.

Deputy chairman of the commission, Alasdair Smith, said: "It cannot be good for competition when Eurotunnel, which already holds a market share of over 40 per cent, moves into the ferry business – particularly when it did so to stop a competitor from buying the ferries.

"Customers would lose out from Eurotunnel increasing its share even further and being able to raise prices on the (Channel) tunnel services.

"In view of the current excess capacity on the Dover-Calais route, it also seems likely that one of the current ferry operators will exit in the short term if we don't take action."

Eurotunnel bosses have vowed to appeal, while MyFerryLink insists the service will continue to run – although hinting at a "change in structure".



HOW MYFERRYLINK GOT STARTED

When SeaFrance went into liquidation in November 2011, it sparked a major campaign on both sides of the Channel to re-establish a cross-Channel service.

Eurotunnel emerged victorious, buying three of the SeaFrance fleet, which, in turn, it leases to MyFerryLink – a brand heavily staffed by former SeaFrance crews. It created more than 300 jobs in France and around 100 in the UK – primarily at Dover.

But the move drew the attention of

the Office of Fair Trading, which referred it to the Competition Commission, formerly the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

It saw the move as giving Eurotunnel too dominant a position in the cross-Channel market. It already operates the rail shuttle service between Cheriton and Coquelles.

The cross-Channel ferry routes are currently operated by MyFerryLink, P&O Ferries and DFDS Seaways.

MyFerryLink UK managing director, Robin Wilkins, told customers that bookings are safe.

He said: "I think the important message is that it's business as usual.

"Our competitors believe they have more chance of stopping us in the courts than in the marketplace. We offer the best service on the Channel and believe we should let the customers decide. We believe a solution to the ownership issue can be found in the coming months and that we will remain in the market, albeit with a different structure."

In a statement, Eurotunnel vowed to fight the ruling. The group said the decision was "incomprehensible and seriously disproportionate".

It added it was "not based on any concrete facts, but solely upon a random association of virtual hypothesis" and deprives both the ports of Dover and Calais of significant revenues.

It also claims the decision "ignores the ruling of the Paris Commercial Court linking the sale of the assets of SeaFrance with a requirement not to re-sell them for a period of five years and is in contradiction with the decision of

the French Competition Authority".

Jacques Gounon, chairman and chief executive officer of Groupe Eurotunnel SA, said: "This Competition Commission decision will reduce the choice of services across the Strait of Dover to the detriment of the consumer. It will inevitably lead to an increase in the price of a crossing."

Port of Dover officials said: "We will take time to study the decision and its implications. The port's interest lies in fulfilling its commitment to provide the best customer service as well as job security and opportunity in the community."

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HEALTH

Plea to parents to not miss MMR jab in bid to prevent spread of measles in county

By Chris Murphy

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AS the measles epidemic in Wales finally starts to show signs it is in decline, GPs across the county are stepping up their efforts to ensure there is no repeat here.

But with thousands of youngsters not fully immunised, a renewed appeal has gone out to get those remaining children protected.

The number of immunisations with the MMR vaccine is now at a record high in south Wales following the outbreak which saw more than 1,000 people infected.

Health chiefs blamed parents steering clear of the jab – which protects against measles, mumps and rubella – after claims at the time it could be linked to autism.

That link has subsequently been disproved and the claims debunked.

In Kent, medical chiefs trawled all their records to identify each patient that has not been immunised – and worryingly, it runs in to thousands.

Contact is now being made with the parents of those aged between 10 and 16, calling them to their local practice.

Doctors stress the number outstanding is small when compared to the total population, but is still a concern.

At Amherst Medical Practice in Sevenoaks, practice manager Wendy Bardell said out of its 12,800 patients, just 90 were still resisting the advice. She told us: "That is not a bad figure, but of course it is 90 more ways of spreading measles, mumps and rubella.

"We are urging them to come in to the practice, but the take up remains slow.

"We understand their worries, but it's vital they have this treatment."

Dr John Rodriguez, Kent and Medway screening and immunisation lead, said: "While there is no immediate cause for concern in this area – in fact there were just two confirmed cases of measles in Kent and Medway in the first three months of this year – it is a wise precaution for parents to make sure their children have had both MMR immunisations.

"GP practices will be contacting the families of children who, according to child health records, have not had both vaccinations. I urge all families to act on the invitation."

He said take-up has been higher than the national average, and added: "But we would like even more children to be protected. Both doses of the vaccination are needed to give children maximum protection against these serious diseases, and reduce the risk of outbreaks."

After the now-discredited autism link report was published in the 1990s, measles started to take a grip again in 2007.

Dr Rodriguez said: "Measles is not a mild illness and is extremely infectious. It is very unpleasant and can lead to children becoming seriously ill, and in very rare cases, to their death.

"Children, teenagers and young adults who have not already been immunised at all against MMR should urgently have at least one dose which will give them 95 per cent protection against measles.

"A second dose is then needed to complete the course for almost 100 per cent protection.

"Although GPs are contacting families, I would urge any parents who think their child may not have completed the course to check their red book, which has the child's vaccination record or, if they cannot find that, to contact their GP practice. Now is the time to catch up on missed immunisations and ensure protection now and into the future.

"I would also urge all parents of young children, who are being invited for their routine immunisations, to make sure they take up the offer. More than 100 children in England have been hospitalised with measles so far this year – make sure you give your child the very best protection you can."

Dover GP, Dr John Allingham is also medical secretary for the Kent Local Medical Committee on the British Medical Association.

He told us: "Kent deserves to pat itself on the back. The take up is well up on the national average. I don't know if this is down to patients or GPs or a combination of both.

"Concerned health care workers are also being offered a vaccine to hopefully reduce the chances of them contracting the disease and passing it on to other patients.

"We are not a part of the country with a problem. We are not panicking in Kent – if it's going to be a problem here, it would have happened by now. There have been cases of measles, but they have been sporadic.

"We just need to mop up the relatively few who are left without immunisation. Also, anyone born before 1970 is probably immune."

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COURT

Teen in death charge

A 19-year-old man from Faversham will face a courtroom on August 8 charged with causing death by dangerous driving, after a 61-year-old died after an incident in December.

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AWARD

Academic wants Nobel prize given to visionary behind smoking bans

By Joe Bill

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A LEADING cancer scientist has nominated the man who created the world's first public smoking ban for a Nobel Peace Prize.

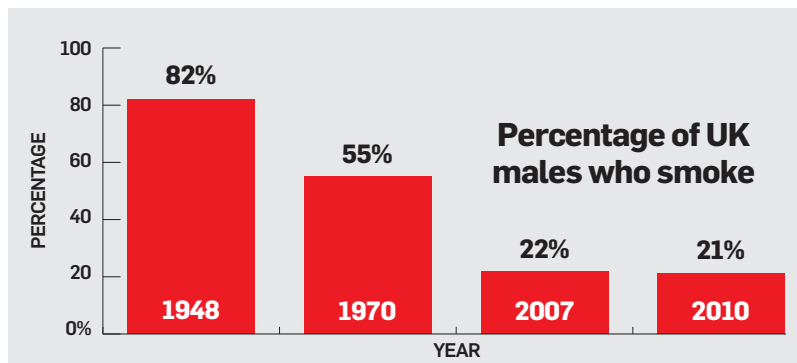
Dr Lauren Pecorino, principal lecturer in cancer biology at the University of Greenwich's Medway-based school of science, wants American visionary Jerry Reiss to be rewarded for his work on creating the smoking ban in 1990.

Dr Pecorino, author of *Why Millions Survive Cancer*, believes Mr Reiss' project to make his town of San Luis Obispo, California, a smoke-free zone has set a trend for the world and saved more than a million lives.

Dr Pecorino said: "There is no doubt that recognition is due to the scientists who used epidemiology to prove beyond doubt that smoking causes cancer. But special credit must be given to the creation of policies that provided the structure for change and to the one, far-sighted man who initiated the policy."

"More than a million cancer deaths have been averted since 1990, thanks in part to a growing number of bans worldwide, which have helped people give up smoking and decreased exposure to second-hand smoke."

Mr Reiss said: "The ban seemed so simple and logical at the time. I really never imagined it would assume such prominence. Seldom does



one have the opportunity to positively influence the health and well-being of so many."

The UK introduced its ban in June 2007, prohibiting smoking in enclosed public spaces.

Although introduced to a chorus of complaints from smokers, it was embraced by the majority.

Fears that pubs would be hit hardest have subsequently proved not to be completely accurate.

A spokesman for Faversham brewers Shepherd Neame said that while the ban caused problems for pubs, it has also provided opportunities to try something new.

He said: "The smoking ban posed a number of

significant challenges, but also substantial opportunities. We invested more than £3 million in providing facilities for smokers, which resulted in some innovative uses of outside space.

"Inside, pubs have become cleaner, fresher environments for customers and, in many cases, the removal of smoking has enabled us to develop our food and accommodation offer."

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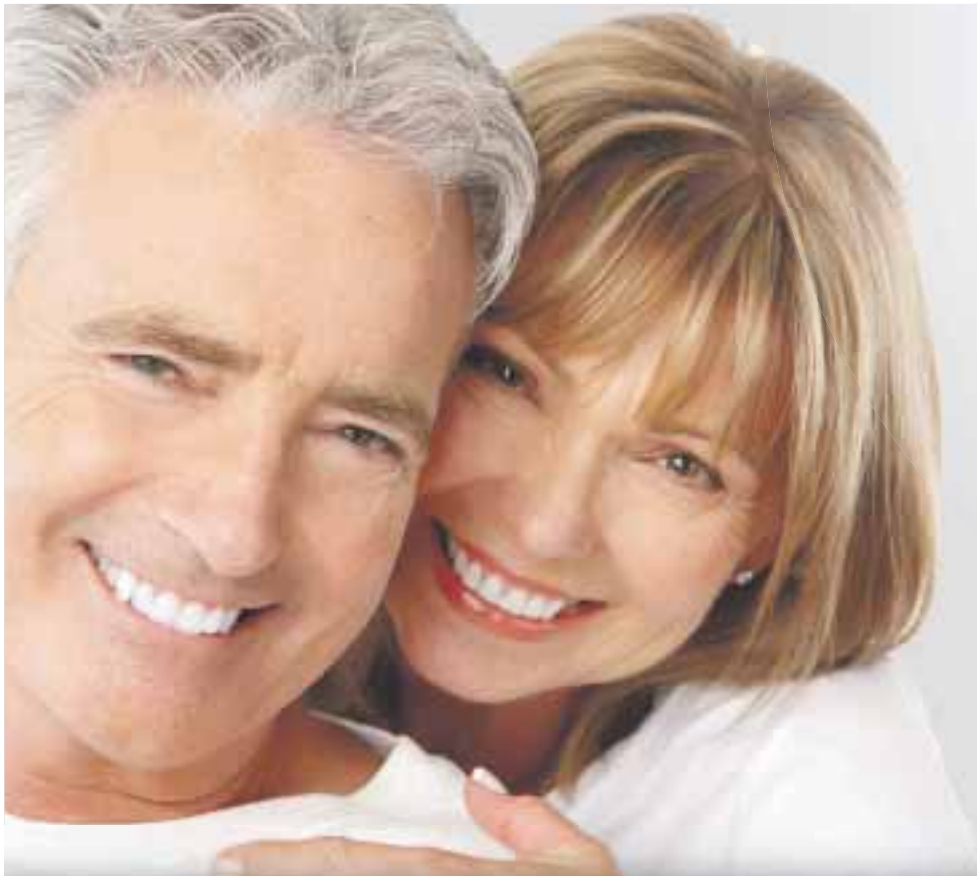
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MONEY

Is unclaimed £50,000 yours?



By Chris Britcher
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EFFORTS to find the lucky premium bonds holders who are sitting on prizes worth thousands are under way.

Nationwide, 898,000 prizes are unclaimed, worth over £44 million in total. In Kent alone there are 21,800 unclaimed prizes worth over £1m, with one ticket having scooped a £50,000 top prize six years ago.

Each premium bond held is entered into the monthly draw. But unless the holder has registered to have any prizes paid directly into their bank account, or notified of a win online, the money has to be claimed.

Now NS&I, which oversees premium bonds, has launched a search to find those winners who may be sitting on cash prizes and not realise it.

Jill Waters, NS&I's operations manager, said: "It is likely that the winner of the £50,000 prize is unaware or has forgotten she has premium bonds – the lucky winner has just £128 invested.

"Prizes are often unclaimed as a result of people moving house, or forgetting bonds have been bought for them as a child, or executors are unaware bonds are held when someone dies.

"By opting to manage your bonds online you could reduce the risk of missing out on prizes as they can be paid directly into your bank account."

In addition to the larger sums there are also a host of more modest prizes dating back nearly 50 years. The oldest unclaimed prize purchased in Kent is for £25 and dates back to July 1964.

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12PS114881	£1,000	Female	£50	March 2010



ENTERTAINMENT

Buzzcocks for ME1

LEGENDARY punk rockers the Buzzcocks will headline the return of the Music Event One (ME1) this summer.

The band will headline at the Casino Rooms in Blue Boar Lane, Rochester, as part of an event which will also see a host of fringe events at other live music venues in and around the town.

The Buzzcocks will perform on August 3 and will be joined by local outfit Graham Day and the Forefather and the hotly tipped Dexters. Chris Pope and The Chords will also perform.

Organisers of the ME1 event said: "There are hardly any bands performing today that genuinely deserve the adjective 'legendary'. The Buzzcocks are one of those few." Tickets are now on sale priced £22.50.

Last year's inaugural ME1 event, which took place in the grounds of Rochester Castle, was headlined by Sex Pistols frontman John Lydon's Public Image Limited.



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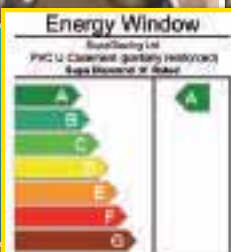
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ENVIRONMENT

Campaign targets people power to save greenfield sites from housing

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EMPTY office blocks and underused urban spaces are the focus of a new campaign aimed at using people power to bring brownfield sites back into use.

It is hoped by doing so it will protect green belt land in and around Maidstone.

Parish councils, residents and community groups are being urged to pinpoint empty urban space or undeveloped sites they believe could be used to shoulder the burden of some of the new housing needed to cater for the area over the next 20 years.

While some of the sites may be unavailable for development, the action will ensure an audit of brownfield sites is drawn up, and at the same time raise questions about why these empty premises or land are not outlined for use.

The drive is being launched by Lib Dem planning spokesman Tony Harwood, who represents Maidstone North on the borough council.

He claims that under current policy, Maidstone Borough Council will end up building 19,400 houses – almost 5,000 more than the 14,800 outlined in its Local Plan – by 2031.

He said: "Development of our borough must be on local people's terms, with quality of life and protection of our precious environment influencing the pattern and scale of house building – it is far too important to be left to developers and council officials."

"That is why we want everyone involved."

The community is also being asked to outline agricultural or amenity space in the area which

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THE Local Plan is the plan for the future development of, in this case, the Maidstone borough, drawn up by the local authority in consultation with the community.

It covers a 20-year period.

Earlier this year, Maidstone council set a new housing target of 14,800 new homes to be built up to 2031. Amenities such as schools and shops must also be built to accommodate these households. The plan will be published for public consultation in October 2013.

The borough is predominantly rural and while much of the development is planned for the fringes of the urban sprawl, fears are it could spread onto precious rural land and greenfield sites. Areas outlined include the north west of Maidstone – Bridge Nursery, and east and west of Hermitage Lane – and the south east of Maidstone – Langley Park, north of Sutton Road and north of Bicknor Wood.

they believe must be protected.

It comes in response to a "call for sites" to developers by Maidstone council chiefs who are seeking information on land that may have the potential for development within the proposed Local Plan locations.

Lib Dem parliamentary spokesman for Maidstone and the Weald, Jasper Gerard, said developers were more likely to outline greenfield sites.

"Because greenfields are cheaper to build on, these are what developers are putting forward, knowing full well they will later also get permission to convert the office blocks and disused warehouses," he said.

"Demand for housing in the south east is virtually limitless: 15,000 houses become 20,000 and then 30,000. We must challenge the assumption that we can just carry on building."

But Maidstone council said there was no confirmed target as yet.

"A working target of 14,800 dwellings for the Maidstone borough Local Plan period 2011 to 2031, was agreed by the cabinet in March, based on a population forecast," a spokesman said.

"A lot more work needs to be done before this can be converted into a development target."

"This includes looking at what is possible in terms of housing land supply and assessment of environmental constraints."

"The cabinet will decide the figure in September."

The spokesman added: "Every site will be considered for sustainable location, policy constraints, and physical and infrastructure constraints such as: ecology, highways issues, access to services, flood risk, landscape, heritage impacts and adjacent uses."

"No decisions have been made about any sites. The public will have a minimum of six weeks to comment on the sites. The consultation will be advertised in local papers and on the council's website."

"We will contact everyone who has responded to previous consultations on the Local Plan."

EVENT

Festival moves out

MUSIC event the Hevy Festival has pulled out of the county after three years.

The event, which focuses on punk and metal music, confirmed it was pulling out of the grounds of Port Lympne Wild Animal Park last month.

It will, instead, become a one-day event staged at the Brixton Academy in London. It had originally been scheduled for three-days in August at the park near Hythe.

ATTACK

Cyclist bitten by dog

POLICE are trying to trace a dog owner after a cyclist was bitten while riding along Margate's Fort Promenade.

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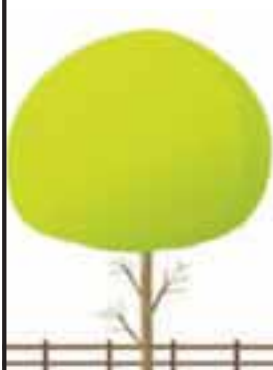
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CONNECTIONS

Charles Dickens spent five years of his childhood in Chatham from 1817-22, where his father worked at the dockyard.

In 1856, having made his name, he returned with his family to live in Gad's Hill House, Higham. It was there he died in 1870.

Many buildings in the High Street have connections with Dickens' novels – including Jasper's Gate, Eastgate House and The Six Poor Travellers House. And in Great Expectations, Restoration House was Dickens' inspiration for Miss Havisham's Satis House.



EVENT

More than 60,000 take to the streets at Dickens Festival

By Chris Britcher

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TENS of thousands of visitors flooded into Medway last weekend for the annual Rochester Dickens Festival.

Organisers estimate some 60,000 people enjoyed the good weather on the streets of the town, and in the grounds of its historic castle, as it was filled with colourful parades and music in honour of the area's most famous son.

Held every year since 1978, the event celebrates Medway's many associations with Charles Dickens, who drew a number of his characters and settings for his novels from the years he lived in the area.

Characters from the era of his famous books – which include the likes of classics such as Oliver Twist, Great Expectations, David Copperfield and Bleak House – lined the streets with everyone

from street urchins to flower sellers and Victorian police to troublemakers getting involved.

A new feature was added to this year's festival to commemorate the fact that Dickens was born during the time of the Napoleonic wars and how the events of the time fired the young author's imagination.

The 4th Battalion Royal Foot Artillery took part in parades through the streets and set up an encampment in the moat of Rochester Castle.

Howard Doe, Medway Council's portfolio holder for community services, said: "We're very proud that so many places in Medway inspired one of the greatest writers of all time, and that, more than 30 years on, the Rochester Dickens Festival still attracts many thousands of visitors from all over the country and around the world."

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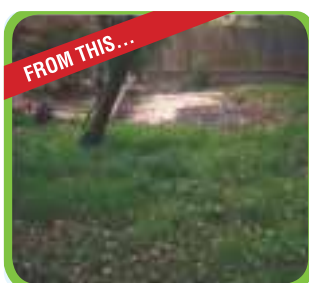
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FOR SALE: From left: 55 Dover Road, 116 Dumpton Park Drive, 63 Lunedale Road and Bailiff's Cottage are among the properties listed

Auction aims to raise vital cash to fund KCC services

By Chris Murphy
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KENT County Council is hoping to raise nearly £1million as it puts a string of properties under the auctioneers' hammer.

All the sites are now surplus to requirements – with many requiring investment to renovate them.

Among them is a former children's centre, depot and caretakers' house.

It is hoped if they all reach their guide prices, it will generate some £800,000 for council coffers.

They are being sold by auction house Clive Emson at the Kent County Showground in Detling, near Maidstone, on June 18.

One of the highest-priced is the former Under One Roof children's centre in Swanscombe. Formerly a pair of police houses, they have a freehold guide price of £270,000.

Other properties include homes in Dartford, Broadstairs and Northfleet.

A former depot at Deal Road in Worth, near Deal, with a freehold guide of £80,000 will also be up for sale.

Rebecca Spore, director of property and infrastructure support at KCC, said: "We are hoping these properties will attract considerable interest in the auction room."

"The authority is selling these because they are no longer needed. The money they raise will be re-invested to support the council's capital programme to improve and develop KCC services."

"While there are no immediate plans to put any other buildings up for auction, whenever surplus properties are identified the council will consider the most appropriate way of disposing of these, which may well include the use of auctions."

Ben Snelling, senior auction valuer, said: "We anticipate strong interest as demand appears to be outstripping supply in this historic era of negative interest rates."

"Our previous Kent auction saw guide prices repeatedly being smashed as buyers finally stopped sitting on their hands because of the prolonged recession – they sense the worst is behind them now, with tentative signs of an economic recovery."

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PROPERTY

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The former residence of Queen Victoria's daughter could be yours

By Chris Murphy

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IT IS a home fit for royalty, with a royal price tag of over £1.3 million.

In fact, one member of the royal family did live there – Princess Louise, daughter of Queen Victoria.

With her husband, the Marquis of Lorne, she moved in to the 'small country home', in Langton Green, near Tunbridge Wells, and called it Dornden.

Designed by Charles Barry, son of Sir Charles Barry who designed the Houses of Parliament, the property is now three homes.

The Grade II-listed west wing section on sale has five bedrooms, drawing room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, study, utility room and a large wine cellar, all set in just over half an acre.

Much modernised since its royal patronage, it is back on the market and ready to be snapped up by someone with deep pockets and a love of history – especially as it is recorded that Queen Victoria herself visited in 1876.

Princess Louise moved to the house shortly after her marriage,



buying up both the property and neighbouring Farnham Farm.

But after hitting hard times, within a decade the couple had given the estate up and returned to live in apartments at Kensington Palace.

The house was extended and much of it rebuilt in 1925 "in an eclectic vernacular revival style", according to a report on the property by British Listed Buildings.

It adds: "The original house is local sandstone roughly brought to course with ashlar dressings.

"The 1925 additions are in stretcher bond brick with some stone buttresses and timber-framed detail; peg-tile roof; stacks with brick shafts."

The history of Langton Green shows Princess Louise was not the only local royal. According to the



village website, the first Princess of Wales – Joanna, the Fair Maid of Kent and mother of Richard II – lived at The Hollands in the village from 1353.

Prince Andrew of Yugoslavia then lived at The Hollands in the 1950s. The village was also the home of two other royal Europeans, Prince and Princess Weikersheim, at around the same time.

LOUISE'S LIFE STORY

Princess Louise's mother is Britain's longest serving monarch – on the throne from 1837 to 1901.

Queen Victoria gave birth to Louise Caroline Alberta on March 18, 1848. She had four brothers, was the sixth oldest and was the fourth of five daughters.

Her sharp intelligence was encouraged by her father Prince Albert, which was a rarity in royal circles, and Princess Louise became skilled in farming, carpentry, cooking and also drawing.

Her inquisitive nature also earned her the nickname, Little Miss Why.

Her love for dancing, art, sculpture and painting were tolerated, but there was some disaffection for her support of the women's suffrage movement.

Eventually, marriage was a requirement, and Queen Victoria rejected suggestions of a suitor from royal houses in Prussia and Denmark. She fell in love with John Campbell, Marquis of Lorne, the heir to the 8th Duke of Argyll. Her mother approved and the pair were wed on March 21, 1871.

Home for the princess had always been Buckingham Palace, Osborne House on the Isle of Wight, and Windsor and Balmoral castles. In addition to 10 years in Langton Green, the couple also lived in Kensington Palace and Grosvenor Square.

She died in 1939 at the age of 91.



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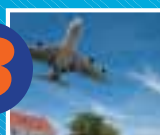
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ON SONG: JLS will play a secret gig in Kent for the motor group



ENTERTAINMENT

Motor dealer's golden ticket for JLS fans

POP group JLS are to perform one of their last ever shows in Kent with an intimate gig – for a motor dealership.

The four-piece group, who shot to fame on TV talent show the X Factor, announced earlier this year they are to split up, but not before one last money-spinning farewell tour.

But while the all-singing, all-dancing group will be performing in

front of thousands at venues such as Greenwich's O2 Arena, they will also perform a secret show somewhere in the county.

Haywards Motor Group, which has sites in Chatham and Sevenoaks, will hand out 300 golden tickets to lucky customers.

Managing director Derek Hayward, said: "The event will be a memorable

experience for those in possession of a golden ticket as it will be one of the last times the boys are together in such a personal setting with their fans."

JLS shot to fame in 2008, when they came runner-up to Alexandra Burke on the ITV reality show.

Since then, they have gone on to record four albums and secure five number one singles.

CRIME

Jailed gang smuggled 16m cigarettes into UK

UNEMPLOYED Simon Coombes has started a three-year jail term for his part in a major criminal operation to flood the UK with 16 million illegal cigarettes.

Coombes, 43, of College Drive, Sittingbourne, along with three others, arranged for consignments of cigarettes to be smuggled into the UK, evading almost £3 million in duty.

The four were sentenced to a total of nine years after an investigation by HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC).

Maidstone Crown Court had heard that on October 26, 2010, HMRC officers discovered three million illicit cigarettes at the business premises of Goldline Haulage, in Margate.

This was the business address of Goldline's company director, Ian Pugh Roberts.

On December 14, 2010, officers discovered five million cigarettes at a haulage firm in Sunbury, Surrey.

This was the workplace of freight manager Martin Walsh, 54, of Bracknell, Berkshire. Walsh's employers had no knowledge of the smuggling at-

tempt, as Walsh falsified company records to cover his tracks.

Investigations revealed Walsh had exchanged text messages with Sean McCormack, 47, connecting him to the importation. The following day, December 15, eight million cigarettes were discovered by UK Border Force officers at the Port of Dover. Investigations by HMRC were able to link all three consignments to Simon Coombes.

Coombes was jailed for 18 months for each of two separate offences he pleaded guilty to.

Roberts, 48, of Dumpton Park Drive, Margate also admitted his role in the crime and was sentenced to 18 months in prison.

John Pointing, assistant director, criminal investigation for HMRC, said: "Simon Coombes and his cohorts plotted to smuggle huge quantities of illegal cigarettes into the UK.

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FILM STARS: A-list couple Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt stayed in the county while he shot scenes for World War Z at the Discovery Park in Sandwich

ENTERTAINMENT

Hollywood's Brad shines light on park and its role in zombie flick

By Joe Bill

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BRAD Pitt's return to the silver screen in blockbuster movie World War Z may have been panned by the critics, but it proved a big hit with the county after scenes were shot in Kent just months ago.

The post-apocalyptic horror flick, based on the best-selling book by Max Brooks, sees heart-throb Mr Pitt as the lead character when a virus spreads around the world,

turning everyone into blood-thirsty zombies.

Mr Pitt and his wife Angelina Jolie both spent time in Kent last November after jetting in to re-shoot scenes for the film, which ran almost a year over schedule.

While Mr Pitt filmed at the Discovery Park in Sandwich – using buildings at the former Pfizer site – his wife and their children, rented a holiday cottage in the village of Ickham, near Canterbury.

They stayed in a £3,000-a-week

converted barn which came complete with flatscreen 3D TV, pool table and even its own grand piano. The famous family shopped at the local stores and even paid a visit to nearby Howletts Wild Animal Park.

Initially, the film crew had intended to shoot scenes at the site of the then-closed Morrisons supermarket next to Tunbridge Wells railway station.

But after news of the plans were leaked, the production company

shifted filming instead to Scotland to avoid fans disrupting their plans.

Reviews of the film, which had its premiere last weekend, have been mixed, however. Chris Tookey in the Daily Mail described it as a "brain dead zombie movie".

The cost of the production is also said to mean the film must gross more than \$550m (£359m) just to break even.

The movie goes on general release on June 21.

CRIME

Huge cannabis find

ONE of the largest hauls of cannabis ever found in Medway has been recovered after a raid on a derelict building.

The 800 plants were found in an abandoned social club in Stoke Road, Hoo.

Police are now hunting for information on who was behind the crop, which also included a hydroponics set-up for production.

TRANSPORT

Semi-naked on train

POLICE are investigating as to how a semi-naked man found himself unconscious on a Eurotunnel train on Tuesday.

Passengers found the man after the train arrived in Folkestone from Coquelles. It is understood he had been part of a stag party returning from France.

He was taken to hospital for treatment.

DEATH

Party stalwart funeral

THE funeral for Labour stalwart Donald Worsley took place on Friday.

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WILDLIFE

Buzzing back to life – bumblebees return to nature reserve after a quarter of a century

By Joe Bill

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THE humble short-haired bumblebee is bouncing back, after last summer's wet weather played havoc with plans to reintroduce the species to the county it died out in more than 25 years ago.

The insect was last spotted in the wild at the RSPB nature reserve in Dungeness in 1988.

But the disappearance of wild flowers over the decades was blamed for the variety becoming extinct in the UK.

Last year, a pilot programme was designed to introduce a small number of short-haired queens back to the same spot.

However, the constant rain followed by a long cold winter caused them to struggle to re-establish themselves.

Now a project backed by Natural England, the RSPB and the Bumblebee Conservation Trust is planning another attempt to ensure the short-haired bee is not stung again.

Experts spent two weeks collecting the insects

from farmland in southern Sweden – and then released them at the Dungeness reserve on Monday.

The international effort followed four years of work with local farmers to create the ideal wild-flower habitat for bumblebees across Romney Marsh and Dungeness.

Conservationist project manager Dr Nikki Gammans said bringing the extinct species back to the UK shows what can be done for wildlife by working together.

She said: "The queens released last year had a very tough time during the poor summer weather, so it was vital we returned to Sweden to bring back more queens to bolster the Dungeness colony."

This will be the second time scientists have tried to restart the bumblebee population in the area after a failed attempt to bring the species back to the UK from New Zealand in 2009.

The original plan failed with the queens all dying en-route.

But there is renewed optimism, with the bees from the Swedish venture hailed as the great hope for the UK population.



FLOWER POWER: Queen short-haired bumblebees are to be released at Dungeness nature reserve

Dr Gammans said: "There's a lot more work to be done, but thanks to the local farmers in this area of Kent and East Sussex, our friends in Sweden, a crack team of volunteers and the wildlife experts involved in the project, there is hope for all our threatened bumblebees."

The queens were collected from the province of Skane, on the southern tip of Sweden, using bee nets before being transferred into glass vials and placed in refrigeration to induce a temporary hibernation for their journey.

After a boat trip to Britain they go into quarantine to ensure they are free from diseases or parasites that could affect native wildlife.

More than 650 hectares of new suitable habitat has been created on the Kent peninsula and it is predicted this will spark a revival in the species.

RSPB Dungeness warden Natalie Holt said: "We've lost 97 per cent of our wildflower meadows in the past 60 years and this has had a devastating impact on our precious native bumblebees."

"We've done a lot of work to prepare for this day by establishing good wild flower habitat, rich in pollen and nectar which will provide a healthy, vibrant habitat for a whole range of insects, wild plants, birds and other animals as well as the short-haired bumblebee."

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Come with us to some of Scotland's most beautiful regions and attractions. We stay in Pitlochry, with clear sparkling air, beautiful scenery, the Pitlochry Dam and Fish Ladder.

A ride on the Strathspey Steam Railway will take us away from the bustle of everyday life, through some of the most gorgeous highland scenery.

The Trossachs are where the Highlands and Lowlands meet. Here, charming Loch Katrine is truly one of Scotland's special places. Just as special as the magnificent scenery is the famous steamship – the Sir Walter Scott – which has been a landmark in the area for over 100 years. A cruise on this wonderful ship or on 'Lady of the Lake', is also included.

We also visit the Braemar Highland Games, the best celebration of Highlands tradition & sporting endeavour traditionally attended by members of the Royal Family.

INCLUDED:

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- 5 nights half-board hotel stay in Pitlochry
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- Loch Katrine Cruise
- Strathspey Railway ride
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The hotel also runs regular daytrips to France which are bookable at the hotel.

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All bedrooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee-making facilities.

INCLUDED:

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- 3 nights sharing a twin/double-bedded hotel room
- Breakfasts & dinners
- Entertainment

KENT REMEMBERED



War memorial is one of the last of its kind

By Joe Bill

joe.bill@archant.co.uk

IT HAS stood watch over one of Kent's town centres for almost 100 years and is the last of its kind on outdoor display to the public.

And despite it never having seen battle, the historic World War One Mark IV tank in Ashford signifies something equally as important – the generosity of the townspeople who helped raise money during the battle.

Gifted to the town in August 1919 by Captain Ferrar of the Army Council, it represents the community's generous response to the National War Savings Appeals and was officially registered as a war memorial in 2006.

The tank, which was one of 1,220 built for combat in Belgium's Flanders Fields, is believed to be one of eight which still exists in this condition and the only one in the UK standing visible to the public.

A number of towns around the country, including Canterbury, Maidstone and Folkestone, were the recipients of the vehicles, donated after the war effort as a symbol of thanks.

But military vehicle expert David Willey, curator at the Bovington Tank Museum, explained the rarity of Ashford's Mark IV and why it is a very special specimen.

"Even World War Two armoured is going up in price all the time these days," he said.

"It's not like the old days 30 years ago when you had genuine spitfires outside RAF bases. Even World War Two tanks, which have been standing outside for years, are tending to be brought back in because they



HISTORY: Top, the Ashford tank, centre, a Mark IV tank in action

are getting that much rarer and they are of more historic interest. That makes the tank sitting in Ashford's town centre extra special."

Although believed never to have seen battle, Ashford's Mark IV is considered very lucky to have survived this long as many of the tanks presented to towns were recovered for scrap metal during World War Two.

One of the reasons Ashford's has remained in the town is because in 1929 the back of the tank was removed, as well as all the mechanical workings inside, and an electricity sub station installed within.

Mr Willey added: "In terms of tourism, everybody loves them. Tanks are such a great, iconic object, and anywhere there is a tank people go for a photo opportunity."

"It was gifted to the people after World War One for helping to raise money during the war year. It is now the last one left and it is probably only there because of the electricity station within it and because the council bother to come back and paint it every year and keep it in good nick.

"There were more than 200 of them given out across the country, but because of their age they started leaking oil and had health and safety issues so most of them were got rid of."

This particular model was considered the "female" version of the Mark IV which was armed with six Lewis machine guns, whereas the "male" versions were equipped with larger powder guns.

Weighing 26 tons, the Mark IV had a maximum road speed of around 7mph. It also carried a crew of eight people in very cramped conditions. The model was criticised as its design meant the 70 gallon fuel tank was placed above the crew compartment and a direct hit from an enemy shell would result in the crew being soaked in burning fuel with quick escape almost impossible.

However, the model like that off New Street was also considered one of the most important tools of the war as it was able to cross trenches up to 10 feet wide. Around 62 of them were used on June 1, 1917, at the famous battle of Messines Ridge in Belgium, which saw allied forces try to break enemy lines.

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OPINION

Making it easier for us to care

Vikram Sahdev shares his view on how improved technology can help to support carers ahead of national carers week, June 10-16

ONE in every 10 people is a carer, so it is likely that every one of us will at some point have met with, chatted to, or simply stood in the queue behind a carer.

They often do not even recognise themselves as carers and are simply giving their care to that person – they are often unsung and invisible heroes within our community.

In my role with Medway Council's Telecare Service, a community telephone monitoring system, I understand that taking on a caring role can be difficult and often have a life-changing impact on a carer.

Whether it is deterioration in their own health, loss of employment or prospects for promotion, or stress from trying to juggle commitments – carers often need support.

I meet with many organisations and groups that support carers, and they are doing ex-

cellent work. But I'm also passionate about how new technology can help to make carers' lives a little easier.

There is a wide range of sensors for the home that can help reduce risks by providing 24/7 monitoring and support – all of which can help alleviate the responsibilities and strain put on a carer.

For one of our clients whose husband has dementia, an exit sensor on her door means she can now sleep restfully at night as she knows she will be alerted if her husband is confused and tries to walk out of the house.

We also have clients who previously could not be left on their own in case they collapsed, but with a body-worn intelligent sensor we monitor them for falls, enabling their carers to go out to work knowing they will be called if their help is needed.

There are even sensors that will detect the onset of an epileptic seizure.

These can give people living with epilepsy the freedom, sometimes for the first time ever, to choose to live alone – knowing that help will come if they have a seizure and need support.

A restful night's sleep, going out to work, moving out of home... these are such simple things, but priceless to so many of us.

That's why I emphatically believe we should embrace new technology wherever it can help improve people's lives.

As we have an ageing population that will need even more care from families and friends in the future, this is an issue that will touch everyone's lives – three in five people will be carers at some point in their lives.

I only have to look to my own



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family and friends to see the impact of this trend: some of them are already having to adapt their daily routines to build in an element of support for a loved one.

Whether it's simply taking time out to take them food shopping, or more demanding support like staying overnight to ensure their safety, it's human nature to do all we can to help our loved ones.

But technology can, and will, help us balance our desire to care for our loved ones with our need to meet the demands of our own lives.

As head of our Telecare team, I see a steady stream of new innovations in technology becoming available every day.

These, often simple, technologies can help to enhance peoples' options to live more independently; and through this, help make their carer's lives a little easier.

KOS COMMENT

Teaching everyone a lesson to be worried

IT HAS long been something of a national sport for anyone in the private sector to mock teachers – and often for good reason.

Strikes over cuts to already generous pensions, long holidays and a trigger-happy approach to school closures during the winter rarely helps their case.

But there is a sense within the county's schools of mounting concerns and stress levels which ultimately will rebound on us all.

The next generation – among them our children and grandchildren – rely on strong teachers to help sculpt them into valuable members of society.

We will pay a heavy price indeed if the best at doing that leave due to increasing pressures.

Milking your homework

STAYING on an education theme, there is something rather compelling about the latest free school, managed by Hadlow College.

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Slower does not mean safe

RICHARD Mountford (KoS letters, 26/05) misses the point. You can make the speed limit anything you like, the problem is enforcing it.

Only the lower the speed limit, the greater the pollution. Aren't we 'saving the world'?

He talks of some utopia where the car barely exists. Try telling that to governments desperate for revenue, people getting to work, the elderly and infirm, delivery drivers and all the others who turn from 'innocent' pedestrians to 'evil' motorists to keep up with the world.

Not to mention the fact everything is being moved further and further away from housing.

Short of going back to the man walking in front of cars with a red flag, pedestrians

should be made more responsible for their own actions, drivers should be put in more fear of prosecution/disqualification for dangerous and illegal driving and the whole system of how we deal with the car, which has become a cobbled together hotch potch, totally rethought. Fat chance.

Phil Granger, West Malling

Development doomed to fail

THE Local Development Plan unveiled recently by Canterbury City Council is flawed.

Canterbury City Council and their highly paid consultants AMEC have produced coloured charts on the sustainability appraisal's "evidence based" reasons, but their appraisals are fundamentally flawed.

In my opinion, the council has also ignored Government

guidelines on consultation; they declare that the community, and stakeholders, must be involved at all stages of the process that will decide which sites go into any draft proposals for public consultation. Members endorsed officers' recommendations for their choice yet the public has been ignored.

Only now will the public be consulted.

Major road construction and by-passes are necessary, but Canterbury has no responsibility for roads – KCC does, and it has no money for major road construction. It cannot even fill the county's potholes.

The plan is bound to fail.

Ken Little, Stanfield

Memories of happy holidays

WHAT a delight to see your picture of the main sands at

Ramsgate in the paper last weekend; it evoked many happy memories for me.

I was born in Ramsgate in 1958 and spent a happy childhood living in the area, until I married in 1981.

My mother ran a bed and breakfast and we were always packed full.

As a young child I often visited the beach in my ruffled swim suit, with guests staying with us, in the days of family holidays beside the sea.

I can remember all too well, you could get a jug of tea and six cups for 2'6d.

Kiosks on the sands sold buckets and spades, and large speakers on their roofs boomed out the likes of All You Need is Love by The Beatles. Fortunately they all played the same tune at the same time.

A trip to Merrie England, the arcade, with a bag of pennies was a treat and a way of cool-

ing down from the hot sun. Or if you were fed up with the sand in your toes, having dropped a hard boiled egg from your packed lunch, yet again! A swim in the marina outdoor pool at the end of the "strip" was a way to cool off, too.

Many grown-ups would enjoy a cool refreshing pint of beer in the Beer Keller's under the cliffs, at that end – in existence long before the days of the nightclub, Neros, which now is also long gone, along with the swimming pool.

After a wonderful day in the sun and lots of fun, the Eagle café, at the end of the pier, did the most amazing fish and chip supper – a restaurant frequented by many of our guests.

The treat of their annual summer holiday was a show at the Pavilion, adjacent to the main sands – I am sure as a venue it provided the spring board for lots of artists who

later saw their name in lights at more prestigious venues.

Above 'the Pav', as it was often referred to, throughout the day you could hear shrieks of laughter as people walked past the laughing mirrors, which distorted your reflection.

Many readers will, I'm sure, remember the Rendezvous in Harbour Street – a forerunner to the coffee bars that followed. Hot meals, ice cream, plus tea, coffee and pop with a jukebox – it was a haunt for many.

This was owned and run by my dear dad, the late Reg Hanks, who also sold hot spit roast chickens from one front window, hot doughnuts and sticks of rock from the other. He later became famous for selling hamburgers and hot dogs from the front of the shop; his dulcet tones calling up the road, "hamburgers, hot dogs" – I can still hear him now.

Happy halcyon days from a bygone era when you could have a lot of fun for very little and a time when we really did experience those "lazy, hazy, crazy, days of summer".

Photographs I have of these happy times help to cement these recollections but, in truth, the memories will be embedded in my heart, long after the black and white prints have faded.

Gilly Stowe, via email

■ Do you have memories of times gone past you would like to share with our readers? Email or write to the editor at the address below.

Volunteering changes lives

THIS week was Volunteers' Week. On behalf of Royal Voluntary Service I would like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers in the south east for their unwavering dedication.

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By GREG MILES

THE diverse architecture of the county is being celebrated in a week-long event showcasing everything from medieval churches to regenerated high streets... and even the odd 1960s tower block.

The Love Architecture week, which is running nationally, is encouraging the public to embrace their surroundings and in Kent that is happening through a series of more than 20 talks, walks and workshops across the county.

Maidstone, Margate, Deal, Tunbridge Wells and Gravesend all have activities planned during the period, from Friday to Sunday, June 21-30, for those interested in the subject, but it is not just for the specialists.

Even those with only a casual interest in design can be inspired through talks with experts such as the award-winning Wayne Hemingway, who will

'Margate has 750

listed buildings –

nothing has changed'

be discussing the future of the Dreamland site in Margate.

One of the more unusual parts of the week is a tour around the Arlington House complex in Margate. The 18-storey tower block was designed by Russell Diplock and opened in 1964, bringing with it 142 apartments, a shopping piazza and parking for 500 spaces and a petrol station.

When it was built, it was heralded as marking the first stage of the town's redevelopment following the boom and subsequent bust of seaside trade. The plans were more ambitious than the eventual reality, with a theatre, terraced restaurant and roof-top swimming pool with glass floor all planned.

Thanet District Council heritage officer Nick Dermott will be leading the walk around the site, which has been targeted by Tesco in recent years as a location for a new store.

The tour takes place from 10.30am until midday on Sunday, June 30. Pre-booking is essential; you can email nickdermott@hotmail.com for details.

"It was seen as the way forward when it was built," he said. "It had 52 shops, car-parking, a filling station and a supermarket. That was the idea, but it never really happened. As early as 1963 the town was already in decline.

"[The piazza area] has been boarded up for the last two years, but people can see inside on the tour. Most of the apartments still have the original kitchens."

The buildings of Margate have taken a lot of inspiration from visiting Londoners over the years as the town became a favourite with Victorian holidaymakers before picking up a reputation as a cheap holiday resort.

"It's got 750 listed buildings. Nothing



TRENDS: In its day, Margate's Arlington House, left, was seen as the way forward; Maidstone centre is getting a facelift, right

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has really changed – a lot has gone in the Old Town, though," he said. "The buildings are mostly 18th- and 19th-century. A lot of it is about a change of perceptions and attitudes. People who have never been here before have this image of it being a rubbish town."

ELSEWHERE in the county, regeneration is already in full swing in Maidstone, with the old high street pedestrianised after an overhaul.

The second phase of that is now under way and visitors can take a guided walk with Maidstone Borough Council's project manager for the first phase, John Foster, to find out how it happened and discuss the changes made.

That takes place on Monday, June 24, from 5pm-6pm in Jubilee Square. Pre-booking is vital; email jenniferhunt@maidstone.gov.uk to register.

Families can get involved with a workshop to redesign Maidstone's forgotten spaces at a pop-up event in Fremelin Walk at the House of Fraser end on Saturday, June 22, from 10am-4pm.

Local architects have been asked to revisualise the places in between the town centre and it is the ideal chance to

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people to take more

interest in their area'

see their ideas and discuss your own thoughts on what should happen.

All Saints Church in Mill Street is throwing its doors open for guided tours from Saturday to Saturday, June 22-29,

at 10.30am each day, as is the county town's football club, which moved into the £2.6 million Gallagher Stadium last summer. That tour, with stadium architect Derek Nicholson, takes place on Tuesday, June 25, from 5.30pm-7.30pm.

Jenny Hunt, local economy project officer at Maidstone Borough Council, said: "It's a good idea to see what people would like to see and for people to take more interest in their area. People are definitely interested in what goes on in their high street."

Most events are free, but some come at a small cost and need pre-registration. For details about all events, visit www.lovearchitecture.org and click on the events page.

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Deal Festival sparkles ever brighter

By Greg Miles

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ONE of the last-ever concerts by the retiring Tokyo String Quartet is a highlight of this year's Deal Festival.

The US-based group of musicians are set for retirement shortly after their performance at the festival in June, bringing an end to their illustrious 44-year career.

They are just one of many world-class acts performing at the festival, which runs from Friday, June 28, to Sunday, July 7.

It all starts with The Sea, a performance by the talented folk of Harbours School, who will set the tone for the rest of the festival. The show will be opened by the minister of culture, communications and creative industry, Ed Vaizey.

Returning are Aurora Orchestra, who gave an unforgettable performance in Dover Town Hall last year and will include works by Debussy, Boulez, Ives and Beethoven (Symphony No 7).

Benjamin Britten is well represented in the year that he would have celebrated his 100th birthday. There will be music, films and talks and one very unusual performance on Walmer beach when story-telling and music will be used to weave episodes from George Crabbe's poem The Borough and newly-arranged music from Britten's Peter Grimes.

Performers include world-renowned tenor Mark LeBrocq and critically-acclaimed chamber ensemble Chroma.

The Changeling Theatre Company will open their 2013 season with a performance of Richard III against the backdrop of Dover Castle



MAKING MIXED MUSIC: Clockwise from top left: Tokyo String Quartet, The Moulettes and Chroma

on Thursday, July 4 – two local boys have been cast in the roles of the princes.

On Monday, July 1, Deal's Astor Community Theatre plays host to Lady Maisery, nominated in this year's BBC Folk Awards.

The Moulettes, the modern folk group who stormed Larmer Tree, Glastonbury and Latitude festivals, will be performing on Friday, July 5,

while jazz will be on offer from The David Gordon Trio at the same venue the following day.

There is much more during the week, from story-telling to opera and choir performances. Visit www.dealfestival.co.uk for the full line-up.

Tickets are available from the Astor on 01304 370220 and at www.theastor.org and from Dover Visitor Information on 01304 201066.

Beat Generation
... another view

A PLAY about the American Beat Generation gets its first showing in Broadstairs next week.

Goin' To San Diego was written by Thanet's very own Hags Ahoy company with Steven Todd. Their last production was Because Of The Moon, a play about Virginia Woolf.

The play focuses on the Beat Generation writers of the 1950s, primarily Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg and William S Burroughs, whose lifestyles and work was to a large extent based on drugs, sex and a desire to shock. However, Goin' To San Diego offers a different view.

The show plays at the Red Hall in Broadstairs from Thursday to Sunday, June 13-16.

All performances begin at 7.30pm except on Sunday, when the curtain rises at 3pm.

Tickets are priced at £6. Seating is limited, so booking is advisable. Phone 07989 070843 or email inmeds@yahoo.co.uk for more information about the show.

Canuck punks rock

CANADIAN punk-band Trigger Effect are visiting Canterbury with songs from new album What's Left To Eliminate? next week.

The five-piece from Montreal are playing at The Beer Cart Arms in the city on Monday, June 10, after the recent release of the album.

Trigger Effect came to public attention with the release of their first album, 2007's blistering 22-minute opus Dare To Ride The Helicopter.

Their next release, 2009's split seven-inch Friendship.Adventure.Music, was a tribute to their comprehensive tours of Canada, Europe and the US.

It is on these tours that Trigger Effect established their reputation as one of punk's most exhilarating live bands.

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You'll like this... but not a lot

MAGICIAN Paul Daniels will be visiting Gravesend on his first farewell tour entitled From Legend To Leg End.

The 75-year-old will start his countdown to retirement this autumn with the first of his farewell tours, which includes a stopover at Gravesend's Woodville Halls on Sunday, September 29.

The show will include a set of new tricks and acts never before performed in public, alongside his wife and assistant Debbie McGee.

Daniels started magic at the age of 11 when he read a book on how to entertain at parties. He got his big break in 1970 when he began hosting The Paul Daniels Show on BBC One with future wife McGee. The show ran for 15 years and he became a star, hosting a number of other television series from Odd One Out, Every Second Counts and Wipeout to Wizbit.

More recently he has appeared on Da Ali G Show, Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway and Strictly Come Dancing.

Phone 01474 337774 or visit www.woodville.co.uk for tickets and further information.



Happy Mondays... happy days as Herne Bay raises its gigs game

By Greg Miles

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THE Happy Mondays are starting their 25th anniversary tour in Herne Bay this autumn.

Shaun Ryder and Co are starting the tour 25 years on from the release of their Bummed album at the town's Kings Hall venue on Thursday, November 21.

They only announced a return to live music last year and went on to enjoy sell-out dates around the country.

The tour will feature the original line-up of Ryder, his brother Paul on bass, Gary Whelan on drums, Rowetta as backing vocalist, Mark Day on guitar, Paul Davis on keyboards and dancer Mark 'Bez' Berry.

Their stop-off in Kent is at the smallest venue on the tour as they go on to play 13 dates around

the country at the likes of The Forum in London and O2 Academies at nine other cities.

The Kings Hall gig is the result of a new proactive approach to put the venue, which hosts The Brand New Heavies in July, on the map.

Manager Alan Onions said: "Since we announced it, the phones haven't stopped ringing. We expect the tickets to sell out pretty quickly."

"We are absolutely delighted to have them playing here. We are not out there to compete with the O2 or The Winter Gardens in Margate as they have got 2,000 capacity. Bands still like to play intimate gigs and that's the niche we are trying to target as we can only hold 600 people."

"We have had bands here before and it's gone down really well."

Tickets for the gig, which starts at 7pm, go on sale at 9am on Friday, June 14. They are priced at £37.50.



Castle that's turning Japanese (for a day)

CHIDDINGSTONE Castle will have a new Japanese exhibit for visitors to see from July.

The shogi board, above, is on loan there from Sunday, July 7, to Sunday, September 8, from the Horniman Museum in London.

Shogi is a game similar to chess and sets were made in wood, with the more luxurious lacquered and decorated with gold. However, this set was made of Japanese Kutani porcelain. It is likely to date from the 19th century.

Visitors on July 7 can also enjoy activities to mark Japanese Day, including demonstrations of kyudo (Japanese archery), tameshigiri and lai (Japanese sword arts), shodo (calligraphy) and ikebana (Japanese flower-arranging).

The music will be shakuhachi and shinobue (Japanese flute-playing) in the Great Hall, played by specialists dressed in kimonos.

Taiko drumming and the care of bonsai will be demonstrated outdoors.

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Miss Demeanour stars at Manston

ONE of the most colourful aircraft on the show circuit will be put through its paces by a former Red Arrows pilot at the South East Airshow in Manston this month.

The Hawker Hunter jet-fighter, named Miss Demeanour, will cut through the Thanet skies on show day, Saturday, June 22.

Pilot and owner Jonathon Whaley said: "From take-off to touchdown, Miss Demeanour's show is an 11- to 12-minute spectacular, heightened by the aircraft's dramatic colours, classic and timeless outline and dazzling manoeuvrability.

"Visitors will see inverted and knife-edge fly-bys and a unique close fly-by with the canopy open, waving to the crowds."

Tickets are available online until Tuesday, June 18. Tickets are £12 for adults, £9 for children and senior citizens, £35 for a family of two adults and two children, and £30 for a single-parent family of one adult and up to three children. Parking is free if you have a ticket.

Visit www.heritageevents.co.uk or phone 08456 526263 for more information.

Visit the watering hole for a celebration of Dickens

By Greg Milesgreg.miles@archant.co.uk

CHARLES Dickens fans are dusting down the costumes for their annual Broadstairs treat, with the week-long celebration of the great man just around the corner.

The author visited the Thanet seaside town between 1837 and 1859, taking inspiration from the area for some of his novels.

And since 1937 it has been tradition to celebrate his links with the place; over time this has evolved into a week-long festival of all things Dickens. This year it takes place from Saturday to Friday, June 15-21.

The author famously labelled the town "our English watering hole".

Organiser Peter Shaw has been involved with the festival for the last 15 years and is looking forward to welcoming thousands of visitors to the event.

"Every year we try to make it better than the last. Last year was the bicentenary, so it will be hard to beat," he said. "The events tent has a lot of speakers and demonstrations – I think people will find it as exciting as ever."

"Everybody has heard of Dickens. It's a name that creates a lot of interest."

The Grand Parade will open the festival on Saturday, June 15, led by a Sefton Landau carriage that was built at the turn of the century and has been restored to its former glory. The



parade starts at 2.30pm at Pierremont war memorial.

A highlight will be the production of A Tale Of Two Cities by The Dickens Festival Players. Performances run from Saturday to Wednesday, June 15-19, at 7.30pm at the Memorial Theatre.

Taking place every day from 10am-5pm is a Victorian country fair at Victoria Gardens.

Visit www.broadstairsdickensfestival.co.uk.



Love the Sixties? This is your time

THE sounds of the 60s are coming to Ramsgate courtesy of music from The New Honeycombs and a tribute to the Everly Brothers during a very special evening at the Granville Theatre.

The New Honeycombs, who include Angela Rose, John Butcher, Paul Bonner and Jeff Malin, have travelled the country entertaining people with 60s classics for the past 12 years and will be joined by Walk Right Back, a tribute to the Everly Brothers, on Saturday, June 15.

Bonner, formerly of band Katch 22, said: "We have been performing together for a long time and it is great we have a strong female lead so we can cover a greater selection of songs from the decade."

"We are different from similar shows as we feature both a tribute act and a live band, as well as a finale when we all perform together. We have also worked with one of the original members of the Honeycombs."

The show starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are priced at £14 on the door, or £13 in advance. To book, phone 01843 591750.



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Abigail's back!

ABIGAIL'S Party, the classic suburban comedy, is coming to Canterbury's Marlowe Theatre.

The play, Mike Leigh's observation on the pretensions of suburbia, became an instant hit when it first appeared as a BBC Play For Today in 1977. This performance features EastEnders actress Hannah Waterman in the main role.

Abigail's Party runs at The Marlowe from Tuesday to Saturday, June 18-22. Performances are at 7.30pm, with 2.30pm shows on the Thursday and Saturday.

Tickets are priced from £15-£31; phone 01227 787787 or visit www.marlowetheatre.com.

Days of delphiniums

THE gardens of Godinton House will come alive with the annual delphinium festival next week.

The Godinton House and Gardens Delphinium Festival runs from Sunday to Sunday, June 16-23. Opening day is Delphinium Society Day, when you can meet experts and buy seeds and plants.

On June 19, jazz band Colrose Seven will perform. Proceeds go to Macmillan Cancer Support and Spring Grove School Music Room Appeal. Tickets cost £10; music starts at 7pm.

Then June 21 is National Gardens Scheme Open Day, with entry fees going to the charity.

Brush up on your painting skills with Kaidy Lewis between 11am and 2pm on 22nd. The following day, from 2-4pm, there will be music in support of Pilgrims Hospice. Head gardener Viv Hunt will also be answering questions.

The gardens are open 11am-8pm all week and the house is open Friday to Sunday from 2pm-5.30pm, with the last tour at 4.30pm.

Spread the love of books, says Children's Laureate

By Greg Miles

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AUTHOR Malorie Blackman is hoping to encourage more youngsters to read after being named the new Children's Laureate.

The best-selling author who penned the award-winning Noughts & Crosses teen series has been given the accolade for her outstanding work as an author and takes over from Gruffalo author Julia Donaldson.

The Bromley-based author, a former scriptwriter for children's TV series Byker Grove, has written more than 60 books for younger audiences, including Hacker, Cloud-Busting and Thief!

Her novel Pig-Heart Boy was short-listed for the CLIP Carnegie Medal and adapted into a BAFTA-winning television series.

Her book Noughts & Crosses was her first in which the issues of race and ethnic identity were brought to the fore. It was set in a world where black people were the ruling elite and white people confined to minority status.

In 2008 she was honoured with an OBE for her services to children's literature.

"A love of books has opened so many doors for me," she said. "Stories have inspired me and taught me to aspire. I've been a professional au-

thor for over 20 years, so I feel now is the time to give something back.

"I hope to instil in every child I meet my love and enthusiasm for reading and stories. And as I would never have become an author if it hadn't been for my local library as a child, I intend to continue Julia Donaldson's work advocating for our nation's public-library service."

The 51-year-old will hold the title for the next two years and aims to encourage teachers and parents to spend at least 10 minutes a day sharing a book with children.

The former computer-programmer also aims to make the most of technology, with her message being for young readers to use a range of expressive media, including music, art, film, drama, animation, poetry and the spoken word, in their responses to books.

Blackman was given a £15,000 bursary by the committee that selected her.

The post was established in 1999 to celebrate exceptional children's authors and illustrators and to acknowledge their importance in creating the readers of tomorrow.

Previous Children's Laureates are Quentin Blake (1999-2001), Anne Fine (2001-3), Michael Morpurgo (2003-5), Jacqueline Wilson (2005-7), Michael Rosen (2007-9), Anthony Browne (2009-11) and Julia Donaldson (2011-13).



FAB FOUR



Thursday, June 13, 7.30pm
Assembly Hall, Tunbridge Wells
Phone: 01892 530613

Website: www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk
Shaolin Warriors: The Shaolin Warriors return with a new show, Return Of The Master. A theatrical kung-fu display with feats of agility, strength and skill. Tickets £22.



Wednesday, June 19, 7.30pm
The Orchard Theatre, Dartford
Phone: 01322 220000

Website: www.orchardtheatre.co.uk
Jimmy Greaves: England's greatest-ever goalscorer, the former Tottenham Hotspur forward Jimmy Greaves, tells tales from his career in football and TV. Tickets £18.50.



Saturday, June 15, 8pm
The Marlowe Studio, Canterbury
Phone: 01227 787787

Website: www.marlowetheatre.com
End Of The Pier: A new variety show curated by visual artist Sadie Hennessy. A mix of diverse and modern variety acts with varying themes throughout. Over-18s only. Tickets £12.



Saturday, June 15, 10am-5pm
Western Heights,
Drop Redoubt Road, Dover

Website: www.doverwesternheights.org
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A meal rich in taste and joy but what was that silence about?

It's hard to take when you've had an excellent meal in a great restaurant for it to be tarnished by just one glitch. It's even worse when the mistake comes at the very last moment, leaving a sour taste in your mouth when it should have been so sweet.

The White Horse Inn is a classic-looking pub with a modern, light interior in the small village of Bridge just outside Canterbury.

There is a friendly buzz, background music and a relaxed atmosphere. The menu is full of interesting dishes and the changing specials board backs up the seasonal focus.

Our meal started with fresh, warm bread and a knob of butter to get the mouth watering.

To start, I chose the salad of crab mayonnaise, carrot and coriander. It was sprinkled with hazelnuts and served with slices of sea-salt flatbreads. The crab was fresh and light and mixed with mayonnaise and diced cucumber.

It was presented well and made for a nice, light bite to get the taste buds tingling. My guest went for the rosemary-studded baked mini Camembert. It was served with apple skewers, excellent for dipping in the runny, warm cheese, and a tangy ale chutney that gave the dish a real kick.

For mains we were delighted by the imaginative presentation, while the size of the portions could have fed a family – not that I complained.

RESTAURANT REVIEW



My guest was served four of Brogdale Butcher's biggest pork-and-leek sausages on a bed of mashed potato and cabbage with onion gravy.

After just a quick taste it was easy to say that the meat was juicy and well cooked and highlighted a great version of a classic British recipe.

I went for a more in-vogue British classic with Godmersham Game's pan-roasted pigeon garnished with rolled bacon rashers and roasted walnuts. The meat sat on a mound of blue cheese-creamed salad and was served with a warm apricot tart. The dark, rich meat was deli-

cious, with the flavours of the bacon and the tart adding zest.

The creamed cabbage was again delightful and the whole dish top-notch – full of flavour but very filling.

Hence we decided against ordering a dessert only to end up having a bite and wasting the rest. It was after this decision that our evening went downhill a little.

Up until that point the service had been interactive and welcoming. I don't for one minute think that the decision not to have a dessert was the catalyst, but as our table was essentially 'finished' for the evening we seemed to be forgotten.

There was no more offer of drinks and we had to wait a full 25 minutes to have the bill delivered after asking. On our way out we said goodbye to the waitress – with no response. She may not have heard, but it was a little strange to have gone from an all-singing, all-dancing staff to comparative silence.

With drinks, the delicious meal came to a reasonable £47.85. It was only the final moments that left the odd feeling of melancholy.

Joe Bill

■ The White Horse Inn, 53 High Street, Bridge CT4 5LA (phone 01227 830845, website www.whitehorsebridge.co.uk)

Ancient ingredients back on Dev's menu

TV chef Dev Biswal is to introduce Flavour of the Soil dishes to his menu using locally-foraged ingredients.

The Ambrette restaurants in Rye and Margate will have such treats as alexanders (flowers) from Quex Park in Birchington, sea spinach from the Birchington shoreline, dandelions from Margate's Tudor House, ramsons (wild garlic), rose-hips, nettles and wild flowers from an organic area on the Kent-Sussex border.

Alexanders were used by the Romans as food, and Biswal is keen to bring them back. "It has qualities I have always admired – defiant and resilient as well as being crunchy, characterful and delicious," he said.

MasterChef winner opens Wye food fest

THE Wye food festival returns for its third year, boasting celebrities, chefs, local food and walks around the historic village.

The King's Head is playing an integral role in the week-long event, with a calendar of foodie treats to please young and old alike.

On Saturday, June 15, there will be a food-inspired treasure hunt for children, opened by Celebrity MasterChef winner and Atomic Kitten star Liz McClarnon from 1pm.

Next day sees a wine-and-cheese-tasting event as well as stalls from Wye Community Farm, Wye Bakery, Ripple Farm Organics and Perry Court Farm. Visit www.wyefood.com.

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THE Kent Life & Kent on Sunday Food & Drink Awards will take place at Tudor Park Hotel on Thursday, November 14, 2013, from 6.30pm to midnight.

These brand-new awards are designed to champion, highlight and offer a showcase to the good and the great from the county's food and drink industry, including local producers and suppliers, small farming businesses, chefs, restaurants, pubs and hoteliers – people who care about the countryside and the future of our local environment.

The companies nominated will all be voted for by you, our readers. We want to know if you've received a fantastic meal at your local pub or have been impressed by the produce and service at your farmers' market or farm shop.

Entry forms are available online at www.kentnews.co.uk.

Entries close on Friday, August 30, 2013.

Our panel of judges will then select a shortlist, kickstarting the independent judging process where finalists will be visited or interviewed to determine a worthy winner in each category.

All finalists will be invited to the prestigious awards ceremony in November, where they will enjoy a Champagne reception and three-course meal based on locally-sourced produce before finding out if they are a winner.

This is the first Kent Life & Kent on Sunday Food & Drink Awards and we are immensely proud to be able to offer you the chance to reward and recognise the deserving businesses

within our local food and drink industry, the ones that consistently go above and beyond expectations.

These awards are what you make of them so if you are the owner of a restaurant, a budding chef or local producer, then help to spread the word among your clients and visitors.

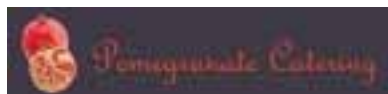
With our online voting system up and running, it takes no time at all to cast your vote.

The judging panel is looking for quality over quantity, focusing on good comments rather than number of votes, so everybody is in with a chance, no matter how big or small your business is.

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NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR



This popular category is open to anyone in the food or drink business who has started a new venture within the last 18 months. It could be any food and drink business but we want to know what impact they have made on the local community and whether they have started to achieve any success further afield. Are they helping to promote Kent food and drink to a new audience? Tell us who has impressed you.

BUTCHER OF THE YEAR

Porsche Centre Tonbridge

This category is here for one reason and that is to praise our many local butchers and everything they do for Kent. Consider asking your butcher how their meat is hung, prepared and cut and whether it can be traced to a local farm. Are the staff knowledgeable and helpful? Does the butcher play a key role within the local community? If so, nominate them.

BEST TEA SHOP OF THE YEAR



We recognise that tea shops are an integral part of the Kent food and drink scene and we'd like to know your favourites. Who makes the best tea, serves the nicest cakes and the freshest scones? Is the jam home made and are the sandwiches freshly cut and liberally filled? Most importantly, are most of the ingredients locally sourced? We're looking forward to hearing about your favourites.

INDEPENDENT RETAILER OF THE YEAR



This category acknowledges the hard work Kent's independent food and drink retailers put into giving their customers the best possible experience in-store, reinforcing their role at the heart of the community and showing true innovation with their displays. We are looking for independent retailers who put local and seasonal at the heart of the food and drink experience and who are proud to work with and support the best the Garden of England can offer.

BEST FARM SHOP



Just like our Farmers' Markets, a good farm shop needs to have that extra-special something to tempt shoppers away from their local supermarket. Are the staff friendly and knowledgeable, is the range of produce and the layout of an excellent standard, does your local farm shop offer a box scheme? Is most of the produce sold there grown or raised on that farm, or nearby and if not would the owner be able to tell you where it is from?

BEST FOOD OR DRINK PRODUCER



This category celebrates our local suppliers and producers who play such a vital role in the food community. We are looking for someone who consistently provides a reliable quality of products and services to their customers. So whether it's your local bakery, drinks merchant or meat producer, we want to know why this person or business goes the extra mile for you and gets your vote.

BEST FAMILY DINING VENUE



We've all experienced that sinking feeling when you go out for a meal with the family and you know almost immediately the proprietors and staff would have preferred you to have left the kids at home. We want to know about the exact opposite, those establishments that welcome and treat with respect your whole party, from elderly to very young, and ideally don't banish you too an outer

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room away from the main dining area. Do they have high-quality menus that suit every age group, provide high chairs if needed, offer useful distractions such as paper and crayons for younger children to use at the table? Is there a children's play area and good baby-changing facilities in the toilets? And most importantly is the food of an excellent standard and worthy of mum and dad as well as the younger members of the party? Tell us all about your best family dining experience in Kent.

BEST PUB OF THE YEAR



Combining country pubs and dining pubs, the whole eating-out experience needs to be taken into account in this category. Customer service, value for money and the quality of the food should all be accounted for. How well does the establishment you recommend use and name local suppliers and seasonal produce throughout its menus? Neighbourhood pubs are at the heart of the local community and this category is your chance to give something back for all the enjoyment they give you. Are the staff friendly and welcoming, even if it isn't your local? Are there local ales, juices, wines and ciders available to purchase and if so, are they proudly on display? Also, note the quality and speed of the service, the overall atmosphere and ambience, both inside and outside in the beer garden.

BEST FARMER'S MARKET



The key to a good Farmers' Market is not only the range of produce and the quality of its stalls but also the principles that it supports – for example, does it work as a co-operative with other farmers, is most of the produce sold there grown or raised locally? Are the stallholders welcoming and knowledgeable and is the layout easy to navigate as you move around the market? Are any extras offered on a regular basis, such as cookery demonstrations or talks, is it well advertised so you can plan your visit in advance, is there good accessibility and parking?

RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR



We suspect that this category will be one of our most coveted awards, as the Kent Life and Kent on Sunday Restaurant of the Year needs to offer an incomparable dining experience, from the ambience to the service and most importantly the food. Is it locally sourced and does it change with the seasons? Does chef support local producers and are they recognised on the menu? Look through the wine list, are there local as well as international wines and sparkling wines and can the staff tell you more if you ask? We'd expect nothing less from our Restaurant of the Year.

CHEF OF THE YEAR



Kent is blessed with outstanding chefs working in the county's fantastic array of restaurants. The Chef of the Year should be someone who has devoted him or herself to the cause of serving the best possible food. They will demonstrate technical ability, use of seasonal ingredients, presentation of the food and an understanding of how flavours work together. They will be able to lead and inspire their team and to talk to customers knowledgeably about the dishes they have enjoyed. Above all, we are looking for passion – that magic ingredient that defines true greatness in the kitchen.

BEST KENT FOOD AND DRINK HERO



Kent has a food and drink scene that is more vibrant than many others across the UK. This category celebrates the individual who has made the most impact on the food or drink community – someone who goes the extra mile to promote Kent to a wider audience and is passionate about local produce throughout. Now is your chance to nominate your own Kent food and drink hero.

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Professor sees profitable time ahead for food producers



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APPLIANCE OF SCIENCE: Kent Science Park in Sittingbourne hopes there will be strength in unity as it looks to appeal to new tenants

Technology parks join forces to lure foreign investors

By Nick Ames

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KENT Science Park is joining forces with five other technology-based sites across the UK to boost its appeal to companies looking to move into the country.

The nationwide portfolio has been assembled by LaSalle Investment Management, and is now operating as a single entity – linked by shared specialist services, access to nationwide facilities and secure communications.

The formation of the Best Network (the Business Environments for Science and

Technology) is now the largest privately-owned portfolio of science and technology parks in the UK.

It focuses on Britain's highest growth sectors and priorities for the Government's industrial strategy, such as energy, IT and agri-science.

LaSalle says the strategy is for the park in Sittingbourne, and the rest of the Best Network, to achieve a "critical mass" likely to be a "powerful draw" for international businesses in the science and technology sectors.

The network now stretches from Swale to Edinburgh Technopole, taking in Hexagon Tower in Manchester, Langstone

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Survey call for industry in bid to become UK City of Culture

By Chris Britcher

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LEADING business figures have become the latest big names to throw their support behind East Kent's bid to become the UK City of Culture 2017, as the business community is called upon to get engaged by taking part in an online survey.

The councils of Canterbury, Ashford, Thanet, Folkestone and Dover have all combined forces to make a bid to land the prestigious title.

And it is hoped should it prove successful, it would generate a £220m increase in visitor spending, in addition to creating some 7,500 additional jobs.

A host of celebrities - among them the likes of actor Orlando Bloom and musician Jools Holland - have already lent their support.

Now the likes of Sir Keith Mills, inventor of loyalty schemes such as Air Miles and Nectar Card and deputy chair of the local organising committee of the London 2012 Games (LOCOG) has joined Mark Sargeant, owner of Folkestone's Rocksalt restaurant; and Josh de Haan, managing director of View.co.uk, the network of online city guides, in publicly supporting the bid.

In addition, Keith Williams, the architect behind the Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury, has also given his backing.

The campaign is also looking to deepen its engagement with the local commercial community through a dedicated survey for east Kent businesses. To access the survey visit <http://svy.mk/ZgFawW>.

It aims to generate feedback from organisations of all industry types on the current state of east Kent's creative economy and gather ideas for what they would like to see as part of the area's City of Culture year in 2017.



BACKING: Hollywood star Orlando Bloom is backing the bid - he has now been joined by a host of business leaders

Those behind the bid say City of Culture status would help east Kent achieve an additional 800,000 overnight trips, sparking additional spend and employment opportunities, among them some 4,450 extra jobs within the region's creative industries.

Sir Keith Mills explained: "As a Deputy Lieutenant of Kent I know the cultural industries already play an enormous role in unlocking economic and social growth. With the East Kent bid we can only strengthen their resolve, injecting a renewed dose of confidence in an area that needs it most."

"I know more than most about the importance of bids like these - and I have absolute faith that East Kent's bid will be a winning one."

The UK City of Culture is a nationwide

competition organised by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport which aims to use creativity to transform communities and help grow artistic talent.

Taking place every four years, the first winner was Derry-Londonderry which is the City of Culture 2013.

Winning cities host a year of cultural events that will help to attract more visitors and increase media interest.

To secure victory, the East Kent bid - using the slogan 'a city imagined' - will need to beat off rival bids from Aberdeen, Chester, Dundee, Hull, Leicester, Plymouth, Southend, Portsmouth and Southampton, Hastings and Bexhill on Sea, and Swansea Bay.

However, East Kent is seen as a 16-1 outsider

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Lending drop a blow say county business chiefs

BUSINESS chiefs say they are disappointed after the latest Bank of England funding for lending figures released this week revealed total lending for the three months up to the end of March, was down by £300million.

Roger House, chairman for Kent and Medway for the Federation of Small Businesses, said: "It is disappointing that lending has fallen further, albeit at a slower rate than the previous quarter."

MP Henderson to host free networking event

SITTINGBOURNE MP Gordon Henderson will be hosting a free networking event on June 27.

Open to local businesses, others in attendance include members of the Federation of Small Businesses, the Institute of Directors and the Kent Strategy Exchange Network.

The event takes place between 6.30-8.30pm at the Woodstock Club in Broadoak Road, Sittingbourne.

Industry suffers due to house market stalling

SKY-rocketing rents and house prices are stifling local businesses and making it difficult for them to recruit staff, according to employers across the south east.

The findings of the ComRes survey for the National Housing Federation found that nearly four in five south east employers (78 per cent) say the lack of affordable housing is stalling economic growth in the local area.

Call to cash in on July's footfall boosting event

INDEPENDENT retailers are being urged to get involved in an awareness month in July designed to help boost footfall in these challenging times.

Independent Retailer Month will be a month-long series of events taking place across the UK aimed at keeping retailers open and improving collaboration between traders.

For details on how to get involved, see the website www.independentretailermonth.co.uk.

Council goes live with a fresh-faced website

MAIDSTONE council has launched its new website, vowing it will make it easier for businesses to access data and submit forms online.

Maidstone.gov.uk, has been completely redesigned and allows easy paying of bills online and searching of such information as planning applications. Businesses were consulted prior to its unveiling.

Warning over high cost of minimum wage errors

MORE than 26,000 workers denied the national minimum wage by their employers have received a £4m windfall after action by HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC).

In what is a warning shot across the bows for many, the 2012/13 financial year saw the south east team, based in Maidstone and Romford, handle cases resulting in arrears of £282,751 being paid and 102 employers charged.

Move will enable parks to exchange their ideas and expertise

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Technology Park in Havant, Wilton Centre in Teesside and Stoneleigh Park in Warwickshire, with all the parks acquired by US-based LaSalle since 2002.

The six members accommodate around 250 tenant companies and 7,500 employees, 1,350 of whom are at Kent Science Park.

Major occupiers use a range of spaces from chemical, biological and pharmaceutical laboratories and manufacturing facilities to greenhouses and data centres.

European director at LaSalle, Andrew Bull, said: "Few businesses work well in isolation. They need support, flexibility and investment from a landlord."

"Inspiration is vital too and that comes from sharing ideas with other like-minded businesses."

"Make sure those factors are in place and we'll be able to turn the great ideas coming out of the UK into great businesses."

KSP site director James Speck

said the move will enable an exchange of ideas and expertise between the parks.

He explained: "By creating an umbrella we can promote ourselves internationally as well as exchange knowledge within the group."

Operating as one entity offers real benefits for tenant businesses and those who wish to engage and work with them, say LaSalle.

These include:

- Efficient specialist services and business support shared between locations.
- An excellent network of business and conference facilities for use by all tenant businesses.
- Communications networks for Government, universities and sector bodies to engage across multiple locations.
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What is LaSalle Investment Management?

Formed initially in Chicago in 1978, LaSalle Investment Management Inc is a member of the Jones Lang LaSalle group and listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

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LaSalle works in private and public capital investment, debt and equity and clients include public and private pension funds, insurance companies, governments, endowments and private individuals from across the globe.

LaSalle's science and technology portfolio

Edinburgh Technopole

Acquired 2012
Tenants 19
Employees 300
Space (sq ft) 90,000

Hexagon Tower

Acquired 2008
Tenants 10
Employees 500
Space (sq ft) 157,283

Kent Science Park

Acquired 2002
Tenants 67
Employees 1,350
Space (sq ft) 502,667

Langstone Technology Park

Acquired 2006
Tenants 30
Employees 3,200
Space (sq ft) 649,602

Stoneleigh Park

Acquired 2010
Tenants 60
Employees 1,100
Space (sq ft) 964,274

Wilton Centre

Acquired 2004
Tenants 60
Employees 1,000
Space (sq ft) 520,000

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Great opportunities on the horizon for rural property owners as land values soar

By Chris Britcher

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WHILE commercial property values have almost halved since the economy nosedived, those who invested in rural property are now reaping a profitable harvest.

According to the latest figures, land prices narrowly failed to deliver a second year of double-digit returns, but delivered another year of strong growth for investors.

All of which will be good news for farmers and landowners who have felt the squeeze in the current fiscal climate.

What is more, the report suggests there is plenty for the traditional rural economic backbone of the Garden of England to take heart from.

Not only are land values strong, but there is an increasing demand for locally – or UK-sourced – food, in addition to increasing global needs fuelling export opportunities.

The findings are revealed in the 2012 edition of the IPD Rural Property Investment Index, sponsored by rural and chartered surveyors Smiths Gore and rural commercial agents Carter Jonas.

Michael Wooldridge, of Smiths Gore's office in Maidstone, explained: "Total returns of 9.9 per cent in 2012 outpaced those of commercial and residential property, while continuing to act as a substantial inflation hedge.

"The main driver of growth has been from capital value increases, which was 8.2 per cent during 2012 – higher than residential property which had 5.9 per cent capital growth, and prime commercial property, which saw capital values fall 2.2 per cent over the same period."

Richard Liddiard, head of rural agency at Carter Jonas, added: "Rural property has continued to stand out as an attractive capital hold since the downturn.

"While values for commercial property almost halved in some areas and the volatility of equities deterred risk-averse investors, rural property values only dropped 0.4 per cent in 2008, and have risen by an average of seven per cent per year since the start of the recession in 2008."

For the £2.7 billion of assets measured by the index around the UK, improvements in the economic drivers of the UK's agricultural sector have underpinned this growth, as well as the increasing potential for alternative use.

A spokesman for the report said: "Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) reform, which had led to fears about the reduction of financial assistance to farmers, will be more benign than originally thought.

"It continues to support the financial viability of UK farms, while growth in demand for UK farm commodities and food has similarly helped.

"The horsemeat scandal and other domestic issues have increased the demand for UK-grown and reared produce, while long-term fears about global food supplies continue to support UK food production.

"Indeed, there is growing voice to the argument that agricultural produce is another form of 'demographic-linked investment', which, like elderly care, can lead to constant growth in demand.

Statistics source: IPD Rural Property Investment Index



County's food producers well placed to profit as consumer habits change

Kent food producers need to prepare for a rocky road ahead as unprecedented volatility in the grocery sector looks set to continue, according to a leading food expert.

The warning came from Professor David Hughes (below), emeritus professor of food marketing at Imperial College London and visiting professor at the University of Kent business school, who was speaking at a new forum for businesses involved in the county's food and drink sector.

The Feed the Mind event, sponsored by Crowe Clark Whitehill, Vertex Law and Kent Business School, heard how the recession, changing weather patterns, technology, loss of consumer confidence, demographics, higher commodity prices and increasing competition are posing tough new challenges to the sector.

Prof Hughes said: "We are in a business where we are going to have to manage volatility

whether it be for our ingredients or the prices we can command."

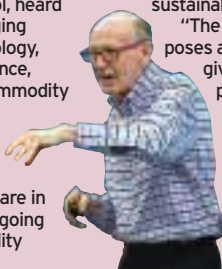
Professor Hughes said one such change, a shift in consumer habits fuelled by the horsemeat scandal, presented another set of opportunities for the Kent food sector.

He added: "I think we are going to see much less promiscuity in sourcing suppliers, with shorter supply chains and much longer relationships even down to micro-ingredients.

"There's an interesting convergence of people wanting value, but also being interested in values such as ethics, sustainability and provenance.

"The green bar is going up. That poses a challenge, but being green gives you a ticket to enter premium markets.

"Being green is not enough, though. What delivers the premium is a great tasting product and provenance – something Kent producers are well placed to deliver."



"Potential alternative use of land for renewable energy production is also an incentive.

"Although wind farms have proven divisive and planning permission can be tricky to obtain, solar farms and hydro-power are alternatives that are more accepted by the general public and are growing fast.

"And with long-term government-backed financial support and growing pressure from the EU to meet strict green targets, the potential to produce renewable energy is huge."

Mr Wooldridge added: "The continued strength of rural investment property shows that it has a serious part to play in investment portfolios that need to off-set volatility and risk with stable, solid performance.

"As well as good recent performance, longer-term returns will be boosted by the increasing demand for British farm products and the ongoing drive for new sources of energy, while continued unrest in traditional investment markets is pushing more and more investors into this sector."



Peter Hobbs discusses the benefits of workplace health and well-being – and just what is in it for our small businesses

THE issue of employee health and well-being is often overlooked by small business owners, but the risks of doing so could potentially be disastrous to your business.

Even in these tough economic times, investing in your team does make good commercial sense.

Research into employee absence makes for worrying reading. According to the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development's 2012 annual sickness absence survey, the average cost to businesses of staff sickness was £600 per employee, with some sectors seeing an average 10.7 days lost annually.

Larger businesses can often weather this, but for small businesses, losing a key employee, even for a week, can be a big blow.

The Kent business community certainly understands the issue – recent research conducted by the Kent Healthy Business Pilot revealed that 92% of employers in the county see staff well-being as a key factor in their business plans, with 52% already investing financially in some form of health and well-being initiative.

Understanding the individual needs of your business can be a challenge.

The pilot also revealed the areas employers felt the need for support and advice included mental health assistance (48%), onsite well-being events or campaigns (44%), physical health programmes (33%), and general health & safety awareness initiatives (41%).

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The best way to assess your needs is to discuss it with your employees.

If your business is principally office based, your staff are likely to have a fairly sedentary daily routine at work – perhaps investing in gym membership can be a way of ensuring they remain fit and healthy.

Other measures to consider include encouraging your teams to give up smoking – this is something your local NHS service may be able to help you with. A study Smoking in Kent conducted in 2009, showed smoking breaks and sick days due to smoking cost Kent employers £215 million.

Many studies have proven that investing in workplace health initiatives deliver a tangible return on investment. A BUPA report from 2010, saw the ROI range from £2 to £34 for every £1 spent. Understanding your businesses requirements, and meeting them with appropriate initiatives is the best way of ensuring you get the maximum benefit.

The benefits of investing in employee health and well-being aren't just to be seen in terms of reducing staff absence due to sickness.

Giving your employees access to these services can be a great tool for retaining and motivating your most valuable employees, and ensuring maximum productivity. It's also a great way to strengthen your company's brand reputation – happy employees are more likely to be stronger advocates for your business, leading to happier customers.

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Waggott's vision is to make Dover 'best port in the world'

By Chris Britcher

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TIM Waggott took the helm at the Port of Dover earlier this week, vowing to build on the success of the cross-Channel hub.

He takes over from Bob Goldfield as acting chief executive.

Mr Goldfield, 65, had spent 11 years in the post before announcing he was to step down last month.

Mr Waggott, previously Mr Goldfield's deputy, said: "My commitment, supported by a professional and dedicated team, is for the Port of Dover to be the best port in the world for the benefit of our customers and community."

He said he was committed to developing a "growing, vibrant, dynamic and commercially focused business".

He added: "I want the port to deliver great customer value and contribute to both its community and the economic interests of the nation."

George Jenkins, chairman of Dover Harbour Board, said: "Tim has the right experience, qualifications, drive and ability to take this organisation forward together with its customers and community."

It was far from a quiet week for Mr Waggott as he settled into his new office.

On Thursday he was faced with the issue of MyFerryLink and the threat to its future (see news pages).



STEERING NEW COURSE: Tim Waggott (pictured) has vowed to build on port's success



New man has 'quay' experience for role

Tim Waggott joined the Port of Dover in April 2007, as director of finance and commercial.

He previously held executive board positions at the Port of Shoreham as finance director and deputy chief executive; with independent letting agent Leaders Group Ltd as finance director; and as a financial controller with Rentokil Initial.

He had gained early career experience in the financial services and travel and

tourism sectors.

More recently, he served for five years, until 2011, as honorary treasurer and council member of industry bodies the British Ports Association and Port Skills and Safety, and previously sat on the port advisory group of UK Trade and Investment.

He has been involved in a number of trade missions overseas, promoting British business in emerging markets, and speaking on port financing.

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Manufacturing and Engineering Expo all set for dockyard visit

THE countdown is on to one of the UK's largest dedicated business showcases next month.

The Manufacturing and Engineering Expo takes place on July 10 at the Historic Dockyard Chatham and runs from 10am to 4pm

Designed as a platform to promote the sector, it will be an opportunity for industry professionals to network and showcase the latest products and services for engineering, electronics and manufacturing. Medway has a rich heritage within the industry.

'Encouraging' demand for KLM flights says airport's chief

CHIEFS at Manston Airport say demand for its KLM service to Amsterdam's hub airport Schiphol is proving "encouraging", two months after it launched, but has called on passengers to make more use of the service.

Charles Buchanan, chief

executive at Manston, said: "Forward bookings are very encouraging for both leisure and business travellers. That said, we have the capacity to welcome many more passengers so we need people to continue to use this very valuable link to the continent."

American Golf tees up ten jobs as it moves into city estate

SPORTS retailer American Golf has opened a new store in Canterbury - creating ten jobs.

The firm has taken over the former Nevada Bob's golf store on Maynard Way on the Wincheap industrial estate.

It adds to its existing Kent outlets in Maidstone, Ramsgate and Tonbridge.

CEO Kevin Styles said: "We believe there are significant growth opportunities for us - especially in the south."

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Seat's new Toledo has cut out the nonsense for drivers



Driving

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INTEREST in electric cars has fizzled rather than sparked in the UK.

Part of the problem has been cost: even with the Government's £5,000 Plug-In Car Grant, upfront prices for electric cars seem expensive against a conventional eco-diesel though day-to-day charging barely impacts on the wallet.

However, the new Zoe electric supermini from Renault might be a turning point. It costs from £13,995 after the Government grant, making it comparable to a diesel from the French marque's Clio supermini line-up.

Buyers also get a free £500 charger wallbox for their home to speed up charging.

Admittedly, Renault has done a bit of fancy footwork here, since the high cost of the car's battery pack has been converted from the purchase price into a £70-a-month rental charge.

Nevertheless, many would-be buyers will welcome this arrangement since battery life and the potentially high cost of replacement is one of the biggest ownership worries. This way, Renault takes on the brain-ache and possible financial hit.

One big worry remains, though: range anxiety, the tic that electric-car-users develop as they watch the predicted mileage of their car's charge ebb away, often erratically as the driver encounters the unexpected: hills, stop-start traffic, extra headlight and wiper use – all situations that can haemorrhage battery charge.

Predictably, Renault is upbeat, citing Zoe innovations such as low-rolling resistance tyres, specially designed for electric vehicles, and particularly efficient regenerative braking – returning energy to the batteries that otherwise would have been lost – and enabling the Zoe to deliver a range of 130 miles.

This is the greatest distance yet claimed for an electric car, although Renault is honest enough to admit that "in real conditions and in suburban use, the owner will generally achieve around 60 miles in cold weather and 90 miles in temperate conditions".

Nevertheless, with a full charge of 'juice' costing around a pound, town users and commuters will do their sums and realise that the Zoe can do a job for them and should sound a lot more refined than a diesel.

What it does share with rivals is a generous standard specification, the point being that, with or without the Government's £5,000 handout, would-be buyers don't want to slum it if they take a chance on electric.

So an entry-level Zoe Expression comes with features including voice-controlled sat-nav with touchscreen; USB, SD multimedia and Bluetooth connectivity; climate- and cruise-control; and rear privacy glass. Upmarket Dynamique Zen and Intens versions (£15,195) get even more kit.

The clincher could be that, unlike most other electric cars, the Zoe looks stylish and clean.



RENAULT ZOE ELECTRIC

PREVIEW

- Price:
from £13,995
- Driving appeal:
not yet driven
- Image:
★★★★
- Space:
★★★★
- Value:
★★★
- Running costs:
★★★★★
- Reliability:
★★★★★
- How green?:
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- Best rival:
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Is it finally time to go electric?



GOOD RANGE: The Renault Zoe claims to have a maximum range of 130 miles, although it admits 60-90 miles will be more realistic for town driving

DON'T LIKE

... the range anxiety. Even the Zoe's stretched capability doesn't remove the need to plan your driving carefully, even down the hills en route.

NOT SURE

... buyers will be convinced 'electric has arrived', though Zoe pricing could persuade more firms to adopt and boost their green profiles.

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*Price shown is manufacturer's recommended retail price, and includes delivery to dealer, number plates, 20% VAT, first registration fee and the UK Government's plug-in car grant (PICG), and is correct at time of going to press. A mandatory monthly battery hire of £70 is payable on the Renault ZOE, based on 36 months, 7,500 miles per annum. ZOE is NEDC[†] homologated with a range of 130 miles. However, the range of electric vehicles is influenced by several factors, including speed, driving style, road conditions, use of electric accessories and external temperature. A more realistic range is about 93 miles in temperate conditions and 62 miles in extreme cold. [†]NEDC (New European Driving Cycle) is a standard European measurement of emissions and consumption based on rolling road tests. It uses the same standard for petrol and diesel engines as electric cars. It is an objective way of measuring the differences in performance between competing models. The car is tested on a rolling road, under the Urban cycle (ECE-15 cycle) four times and the Extra Urban cycle once. The average of these 5 cycles determines the NEDC range.

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Toledo cuts out motoring nonsense

By Steve Loader

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SEAT has been cavalier with its application of the Toledo model name.

It first appeared on two generations of 1990s VW Golf-based saloons. The later version (1999-2005) produced a V5 sporting variant, the only Toledo so far to measure up to the model's namesake Spanish city, famous for swords and fine cutting edges.

The Toledo name was then applied to something rather more blunt-edged: a booted version of the Spanish marque's Altea MPV, intended to offer extra luggage capacity.

Now I'm sure it wowed Costa del Sol taxi-drivers needing space for luggage-laden Brit tourists, but this ugly bastardisation lasted just three years on the UK market (2005-2008).

The Toledo name then lapsed until this year with the arrival of a totally different car once again, one also signalling a major change in Seat's market aims.

Previously touted as the VW Audi Group's sporting badge, the intention now is to create a much broader appeal for Seat, hence the arrival of the classy Exeo executive saloon and lifestyle estate and, more recently, excellent Mii city car and new Ford Focus-size Toledo.

Admittedly, little of this rapid range revolution has been down to Seat itself: the Exeo is a revised cut-price Audi A4, the Mii a cloned VW Up city car, and the Toledo a repackaged Skoda Rapid.

The Toledo is even built alongside the similarly-priced Rapid in the Czech Republic, but that's no bad thing when you consider Skoda's advances in recent years.

OK, you might look hard for the cutting edge in this latest Toledo, but it's there in the value for money (from £12,500) without crudity and discomfort; for anyone needing a simple and economical family car, it is hard to justify shopping around.

The Toledo's conventional saloon profile cleverly

SEAT TOLEDO S 1.2TSI (85PS): PRICE £14,120



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DECEPTIVE: Despite its saloon profile, Seat's Toledo boasts good luggage space compared with some of its 'larger' rivals in the family-car sector and has a high level of comfort

disguises a practical hatchback rear end, swallowing 550 litres with seats up and 1,490 with seats down, figures that compare surprisingly well with cars from the family-car sector above.

For instance, the 4.78m-long Ford Mondeo hatchback – lauded for its space and load capacity – manages just 528 litres and 1,448 litres respectively against the shorter and cheaper 4.48m Toledo. The Toledo cabin also echoes the scale of the Mondeo's, though the modest width of the middle rear seat betrays the car's true classification in the Focus sector.

Skoda's no-nonsense interior design is evident throughout, both in the intuitive arrangement of the controls and a robust quality, though the hard plastic of the entry-level 'S' spec test car smacks of penny-pinching.

Comfort levels are high for this level, though, and the chassis set-up perfect for the car's intended market; progress is smooth in most con-

ditions, with occasional crashiness over poor surfaces, while the car grips well in corners without much wallowing.

The fuel-sipping 1.6-litre diesel Ecomotive versions – priced from £16,640 and offering 72.4mpg on the official combined consumption cycle – must dominate the thoughts of tax-conscious company-car user-choosers.

Surprisingly, though, these only come with a five-speed gearbox, when a six-speeder would add to their frugality.

Private buyers will also think them expensive against the 85PS (83bhp) turbocharged petrol 1.2-litre variant tested here and priced from £14,120 and offering 55.4mpg (combined) or its 105PS alternative from £15,150 (56.5mpg).

These are the nicest Toledos to drive, with the lightweight petrol engine delivering nimble handling and a better driving experience, along with flexible turbo-assisted performance.

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Renault bid to 'Captur' crown

DESPITE a belated arrival in the sector, Renault's new Captur mini-crossover may now top would-be buyers' shopping lists.

It looks good, has the necessary flexibility and cheap running costs and is keenly priced from £12,495.

Arriving in showrooms from Monday, July 1, the line-up also includes a low-emission 1.5-litre diesel version (from £13,895) that escapes road tax.



Caterham back to the future

DARTFORD-BASED Caterham Cars, currently in its 40th-anniversary year, aims to return to its roots by launching a new, affordable entry-level version of its Seven two-seat sports car, which was based on the legendary Lotus 7.

The new addition arrives in the autumn, priced at less than £17,000 and powered by a light and super-compact, flexible and EU6 emissions-compliant engine.



Safety first for new Chevy

CHEVROLET'S all-new compact SUV, the Trax, has gained a maximum five stars from independent crash-safety agency Euro NCAP, now working to even more stringent 2013 protocols.

The Trax – from £15,495 and available in front-wheel-drive-only and 4x4 formats – gained high scores for passenger safety and a maximum points score for pedestrian safety, too.

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Mindful of its important role, Capespan grows unabated, continuing to strengthen and further mature its position by evolving in line with global trends. By guaranteeing our producers top-level technical support and ensuring that business partner requirements are met and often exceeded, Capespan continually affirms its position as supplier of choice.

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For our UK office, based in Maidstone we are currently looking for a
Quality controller

Responsible at its nominated Service Providers for inspecting and providing quality feedback of produce procured for Capespan.

Main responsibilities:

- To inspect produce on arrival to establish if it meets Customer specifications
- To provide on line QC coverage when required
- Ensure correct pallets are out loaded
- Assist in claims cases
- Ensure product protocols are followed at all times
- To provide cover for the Operations Admin Assistant as and when required

Essential Skills

- Highly numerate with a good attention to detail
- Effective communicator, written or verbal
- Excels and thinks clearly under pressure
- Good relationship builder who can be trusted

Essential Characteristics

- Passionate, focused and determined
- Outgoing personality, enthusiastic and a team player

If you are interested in this vacancy, please send your application letter and CV to Cindy De Bleu at cindy.debleu@capecspan.eu

Faversham Residential Home require a

General Assistant

to work evenings 5 – 9pm.
The role will involve
some preparation of food.

For further details Telephone
01795 532629

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MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

We are a health care company who require an experienced candidate to head and direct our marketing and communications strategy. You will report to director level and will work closely with our creative, PR and booking agencies as well as controlling an aggressive online presence. You will manage a budget of circa £750,000 p.a.

The successful candidate will have an in-depth understanding of the principles and practices of advertising, marketing and PR, along with experience of branding, brand strategy and digital promotion. Previous experience in profitable implementation of the above strategies is essential.

**CV's to
tdcirecruit@outlook.com**



Unit 7 Courtlands Farm Ind Est, Turnden Road, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 2QL
Tel.01580 715882 Fax.01580 715883

FULL TIME PASTRY CHEF

Rhokett is one of the UK's premium dessert manufacturers, established over the last 10 years by the inspiration and driving force of Michelin Star chef Gary Rhodes & Martin Dockett. Our ever expanding, top quality client base demand the very best in hand made desserts, patisserie, ice creams, sorbets and other specialities.

The Chef Patisseries we are looking for will have the skill and passion for creating top quality products for the highest profile clients nationwide.

WE OFFER: outstanding culinary conditions in our facilities in Cranbrook and new factory in Hawkhurst, both in Kent. Plus the very best for your professional development, excellent salary and a pleasant working environment.

WE ASK FOR:

- a positive attitude
- the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines
- for you to have City & Guilds (706/3) / NVQ up to level 3 / 4 patisserie
- practical experience in patisserie from within a 5* hotel / restaurant environment

Please apply in writing, enclosing your CV to Gail Bartlett (HR Manager), Rhokett Limited, Unit 7 Courtlands Farm, Turnden Road, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 2QL, or email to gbartlett@rhokett.co.uk with Pastry Chef in the subject line.
(No agencies please)

NEW PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT PASTRY CHEF

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The successful candidate will need to demonstrate a clear passion, skill and flair in patisserie in order to create top quality bespoke products for high profile clients nationwide under the guidance of our Product Development Manager. You will be challenged in all aspects of product development.

We offer support for professional development, a pleasant working environment and competitive salary.

You will need to have an ability to work to tight timescales without compromising standards.

Ideally you will have:

- practical experience in patisserie from within a 5* hotel/ restaurant environment.
- Level 3/4 NVQ / 706/3. Patisserie or equivalent.

Please apply in writing, enclosing your CV to Richard Bracking (New Product Development Manager) and Gail Bartlett (HR Manager), Rhokett Limited, Unit 7 Courtlands Farm, Turnden Road, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 2QL, or email to npd@rhokett.co.uk and gbartlett@rhokett.co.uk with NPD Pastry Chef in the subject line. (No agencies please).

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LEGAL AND PUBLIC NOTICES

ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2012/13



Each year the Council's Accounts are audited and any person interested has the opportunity to inspect and make copies of the accounts and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts related to them. For the year ended 31st March 2013 these documents will be available on application to the Finance Manager at the Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford (01233 330540) between 9am and 4.30pm, weekdays from 1st July 2013 to 26th July 2013. Local Government electors for the Council's area and their representatives also have:

- (1) the right to question the Auditor about the Accounts.
- (2) the right to attend before the Auditor (on Tuesday 6th August 2013) and make objections to the Accounts on any items in them. Written notice of an objection must first be sent to the Auditor. The audit is being carried out by Mr Andy Mack, Engagement Lead (Director), Grant Thornton UK LLP, Grant Thornton House, Melton Street, London, NW1 2EP, and will be conducted under the provisions of the Audit Commission Act 1998 and the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011.

The auditor can be contacted at the above address from Tuesday 6th August 2013 until the audit is completed.

PUBLIC NOTICE LICENSING ACT 2003

An application has been made by: **Runnerbean Ltd** for the premises Mount Pleasant Road (between A264 and Grosvenor Road) & Grosvenor Road (to junction of Goods Station Road).

On the date of: **28th May 2012**

Summary of the proposed licensable activities and the proposed hours of opening: Films, Live music, Recorded music & Performances of dance. The supply of alcohol between the hours of 10:00 and 17:00 on July 27th 2013.

Any person wishing to view details of an application may contact the Licensing Partnership on 01732 227004. Any person wishing to make representation about the application should make them in writing on or before the : 25th June 2012
Licensing Partnership, PO BOX 182, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1GP
licensing@sevenoaks.gov.uk
<http://pa.sevenoaks.gov.uk/online-licensing>

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary of conviction for the offence is £5000.

Notice under Article 11 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010

Proposed development at Burrs Hill Farm, Horsmonden Road, Brenchley, Tonbridge, Kent TN12 7AT

Take notice that a planning application is being made to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council by Ian Overy Farms for planning permission for a replacement agricultural storage building incorporating controlled atmosphere fruit stores

Any owner of the land or tenant who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the Council at:

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

Town Hall

Royal Tunbridge Wells

Kent

TN1 1RS

Within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Signed: Lambert & Foster

Date: 9th June 2013

Statement of owners' rights: The grant of planning permission does not affect owners' rights to retain or dispose of their property, unless there is some provision to the contrary in an agreement or lease.

Statement of agricultural tenants' rights: The grant of planning permission for non-agricultural development may affect agricultural tenants' security of tenure.

'Owner' means a person having a freehold interest or a leasehold interest the unexpired term of which is not less than seven years. 'Tenant' means a tenant of an agricultural holding any part of which is comprised in the land.

MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009 APPLICATION FOR DEMOLITION OF HENLEY'S JETTY

Notice is hereby given that Homes and Communities Agency has applied to the Marine Management Organisation under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, Part 4, for a marine licence to undertake Demolition of Henley's Jetty. Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at **Civic Centre, 132 Windmill Street, Gravesend, DA12 1AU**. Copies of the Application and associated information may be viewed on line in the Public Register at www.marinemangement.org.uk/publicregister. Representations or objections in respect of the application should be made in writing, giving an address to which correspondence relating to the representation or objection may be sent, to the Marine Management Organisation, Lancaster House, Hampshire Court, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7YH, or alternatively emailed to DEE.ALLEN@marinemangement.org.uk, within 28 days of this publication, quoting reference **MLA/2013/00188**. The Marine Management Organisation will pass to the applicant a copy of any objection or representation we receive.

NOTICE OF INTENDED LAND DISPOSAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 SECTION 123 (2A)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tunbridge Wells Borough Council intends to dispose of the freehold interest in three areas of land, which are for identification purposes described in the schedule to this notice.

This notice is given in so far as each area of land consists of or forms part of an open space within the meaning of the above Section.

A plan of each area of land is available to view at the Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 2AB or at the Weald Information Centre, The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook TN17 3HF.

Objections to any of the proposed disposals must be made in writing to the Legal Services Manager, Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1RS by no later than 21 June 2013.

SCHEDULE

Land on the north side of Forest Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN2 4 (approximately 0.36 hectares)

Land at Liptraps Lane, Tunbridge Wells, TN2 3 (approximately 0.01 hectares)

Land at Greggs Wood Road, Sherwood, Tunbridge Wells, TN2 3BS (approximately 0.17 hectares)

Paul Cummins, Legal Services Manager

Dated 3rd June 2013

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN

The Local Government Ombudsman has issued a report following its investigation of a complaint against Kent County Council. The complaint was about children's social care where Kent County Council did not designate an individual as being a child in care, nor explain the implications that such a designation would have for him. The Ombudsman found that there had been maladministration on the part of the Council and this has caused injustice to the complainants.

Copies of the report will be available for public inspection during normal office hours at: Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ for four weeks starting on Tuesday 4th June. Anyone is entitled to take copies of the report or extracts from it. Copies will be supplied at a reasonable charge.

Because maladministration was found the Council must now consider the report.



KENT COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN

The Local Government Ombudsman has issued a report following his investigation of a complaint against Kent County Council. The complaint was about adult social care and making a provisional charge for home care prior to the completion of a financial assessment. The Ombudsman found that there had been maladministration on the part of the Council, and this has caused injustice to the complainant.

Copies of the report will be available for public inspection during normal office hours at: Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ for four weeks starting on Tuesday 4th June. Anyone is entitled to take copies of the report or extracts from it. Copies will be supplied at a reasonable charge.

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Public Notice

9 June 2013



Licensing Act 2003

In accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003, the Annual Meeting of the Canterbury City Council Licensing Committee will take place at 10am on Wednesday 3 July 2013, at the Guildhall, Canterbury.

If you wish to speak at the meeting (for a maximum of three minutes) about the operation of the Licensing Act 2003 in the Canterbury district, please contact Josie Newman, Democratic Services as follows:

E-mail: josie.newman@canterbury.gov.uk
Write: Josie Newman at the address below, or
Phone: **01227 862 009**

by no later than 12.30pm on **Tuesday 2 July 2013**.

It would be helpful if you could include an indication of the matters you intend to bring to the attention of the committee or any questions you would wish the meeting to address.

Douglas Rattray
Deputy Head of Neighbourhood Services
Canterbury City Council, Military Road
Canterbury CT1 1YW

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Planning applications



Notice under Article 13 of the Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010
Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

- CA//13/00829/ADV: 9 Gravel Walk, Canterbury, CT1 2TF One internally illuminated fascia sign and one non-illuminated hanging sign
Applicant: 3UK Retail Ltd Reason: Conservation area.
- CA//13/00893/FUL: 2 Clifton Road, Whitstable, CT5 1DQ Loft conversion with a dormer to form a newroom and ensuite. **Applicant:** Mr Philip Reason: Conservation area.
- CA//13/00901/FUL: Bridge Haven Care Centre, Conyngham Lane, Bridge, CT4 5JX Change of use of existing summer house to cafe/restaurant (Use Class A3) to allow the sale of hot/cold drinks and food at fund raising events. **Applicant:** Avante Partnership Reason: Conservation area.
- CA//13/00920/FUL: Valley House, Elham Valley Road, Barham, CT4 6LN Side conservatory extension. **Applicant:** Family Investments Reason: Affects the setting of a listed building.
- CA//13/00954/FUL: 36 Cross Street, Canterbury, CT2 8AT Replacement window to rear elevation. **Applicant:** Mr and Mrs Callaghan Reason: Conservation area.
- CA//13/00963/ADV: 63-64 Northgate, Canterbury, CT1 1BB Change of Use from D1 to A3 Class with proposed advertisements and exterior decoration to a listed building. Vinyl logo fixed to rear of shop front window and entrance door with Sign writing on existing fascia and projecting hanging sign. **Applicant:** Tamago Reason: Conservation area.
- CA//13/00967/LB: 28 Dover Street, Canterbury, CT1 3HQ Replacement of existing single glazed modern windows to side and rear with double glazed units. **Applicant:** Mrs D Kalideen Reason: Work to a listed building.
- CA//13/00969/FUL: Tradescant House, Kings School St Augustines College, Monastery Street, Canterbury, CT1 1PD Internal alterations to existing building to create a new house masters house, boarding accommodation and additional bathroom facilities. Replacement single-storey extension to the eastern elevation and provision of covered walkway to the existing footpath. Closing of the existing opening within the boundary wall and the removal of the existing pottery building to the east of Tradescant House. **Applicant:** The Kings School Canterbury Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.
- CA//13/00970/FUL: Tradescant House, Kings School St Augustines College, Monastery Street, Canterbury, CT1 1PD Internal alterations to existing building to create a new house masters house, boarding accommodation and additional bathroom facilities. Replacement single-storey extension to the eastern elevation and provision of covered walkway to the existing footpath. Closing of the existing opening within the boundary wall and the removal of the existing pottery building to the east of Tradescant House. **Applicant:** The Kings School Canterbury Reason: Work to a listed building.
- CA//13/00971/FUL: 31 Woodlawn Street, Whitstable, CT5 1HH Demolition of shed and bathroom (part of) to rear elevation and construction of single-storey extension. **Applicant:** Mr Boothroyd Reason: Conservation area.
- CA//13/00984/FUL: The Bowers, 89C Broad Street, Canterbury Change of use of part of the 1st and 2nd floors (flats 3 and 5) from C3 residential to C2 school boarding house. **Applicant:** The Kings School Reason: Conservation area.
- CA//13/00985/FUL: Dale View, Derrington Hill, Barham, CT4 6QD Two-storey rear extension, demolition of single-side garage, relocation of conservatory and internal works. **Applicant:** Mr and Mrs A King Reason: Conservation area.
- CA//13/00988/FUL: Duke Cottage, Church Hill, Harbledown, CT2 9AE Extension of existing listed dwelling to form kitchen and to house a relocated bedroom, create bathroom and en-suite in existing bedroom and to create staircase and first floor link to existing studio at rear. **Applicant:** Ms Long Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.
- CA//13/00989/LB: Duke Cottage, Church Hill, Harbledown, CT2 9AE Extension of existing listed dwelling to form kitchen and to house a relocated bedroom, create bathroom and en-suite in existing bedroom and to create staircase and first floor link to existing studio at rear. **Applicant:** Ms Long Reason: Work to a listed building.
- CA//13/01004/ADV: 4-5 Upper Bridge Street, Canterbury, CT1 2NA Installation of five fascia signs **Applicant:** Pathania Limited Reason: Conservation area.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to development.management@canterbury.gov.uk to arrive on or before Monday 1 July 2013.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
Friday 7 June 2013

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 PLANNING APPLICATIONS LISTED BUILDING CONSENTS CONSERVATION AREA CONSENTS

- DOV/13/00405 Ground based photovoltaic solar farm, access and associated works
Home Farmhouse, Knowlton, Goodnestone, Canterbury, CT3 1PT MAR
- DOV/13/00410 Change of use to an equestrian centre, erection of 8 stables, horse walker, construction of a menage with associated lighting, conversion of existing building to provide reception, office and staff welfare facilities, and relocation of existing shed (existing silos to be demolished)
Great Poulders Farm, Poulders Road, Sandwich, CT13 0LX ARW
- DOV/13/00406 Erection of a detached building incorporating an 81 one and two bedroom extra care facility, communal and ancillary spaces, community cafe, balconies and terraces, associated outbuildings, construction of 32 parking spaces with mini bus/ambulance bay and associated landscaping (existing building to be demolished)
Sampson Court, Mongeham Road, Deal, CT14 9PX MAJ
- DOV/13/00275 Change of use and conversion of first floor to flat, balcony to front and associated external alterations
71A High Street, Deal, CT147HB CON
- DOV/13/00401 Change of use and conversion to single residential dwelling, erection of a two storey side extension, external staircase and gates, creation of car parking and associated works
2 Chapel Street, Deal, CT14 6HW SLC
- DOV/13/00408 Erection of a detached dwelling, garage and construction of vehicular access
21 Blenheim Road, Deal, CT14 7AJ CON
- DOV/13/00325 Erection of a replacement roof, roof tiles, installation of replacement window, internal alterations and associated works
Wealden Hall, High Street, Wingham, Canterbury, CT3 1AA LCN

Reason for Advert Codes:-

SLC - To affect setting of a Listed Building & Conservation Area
ARW - Affects a Public Right of Way **CON** - In a Conservation Area
MAR - Major Development & affects a Public Right of Way
MAJ - Major Development **LCN** - Listed Building in a Conservation Area

Some applications are not publicised in this list. All applications may be inspected at the Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, to which address any representations (to include a postal address) should be sent **within 21 days** marked "for the attention of Planning". Applications may also be viewed, and comments on applications may be made on our website www.dover.gov.uk/planning or at Dover Gateway, 71 Castle Street, Dover, Deal Library or the Area Office, The Guildhall, Sandwich

Failure to meet the above deadline may jeopardise the chances of representations being considered. any representations received may be made available for inspection by the public, and may be copied to others, including the secretary of state and the applicant if there is an appeal against the council's decision. Representations will not be acknowledged until an application has been determined.

Please note that the Council does not accept any responsibility for any incomplete or inaccurate description of any application.



THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

- Y13/0481/SH+** - Springfield Dental Street Hythe Kent CT21 5LH - Erection of a four - storey block of eight flats following demolition of the existing building.
- Y13/0482/SH** - Change of use and conversion of existing stables to two holiday lets and provision of associated parking together with erection of stables and barn.
- Y13/0345/SH** - Works to 26 trees the subject of Tree Preservation Order No.1 of 1955.
- Y13/0443/SH#** - Penny Cottage Dungeness Road Dungeness Romney Marsh Kent - Conservation area consent for demolition of existing dwelling.

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to planning@shepway.gov.uk. Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

- # - The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney
- + - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online at <http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/>.

The applications marked (*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning
Shepway District Council

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PLANNING

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

- 13/01425/LBC** **4 High Street Bidborough, Bidborough**
- Listed Building Consent: Replace upvc window to bathroom with Heritage style slimline aluminium window on north elevation (works already carried out) (LB)
- 13/01355/FULMJ** **Kippings Cross Oast Hastings Road, Brenchley**
- Retrospective - horse barn, sand school, horse walker and hard standing including change of use of land to equestrian (LB)(MAJOR)
- 13/01296/HOUSE** **24 Broadwater Down Royal Tunbridge Wells, Broadwater**
- Formation of an additional crossover and access to 22A Broadwater Down over the land of 24 Broadwater Down (CA)
- 13/01442/FUL** **Total Fina Pantiles Service Station, Broadwater**
- Variation of condition 16 of TW/90/01434 to extend the hours of opening from 06.00 - midnight daily (CA)
- 13/01338/FULMJ** **Hemstead Forest Equestrian Centre Chittenden Farm, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Partial demolition of yard and removal of sand school; Construction of replacement sand school, new indoor school with ancillary storage and horse walker, farrier/vets bay and American barn stables; Conversion of existing barn to office, tack room and teaching room; construction of car park and new access (MAJOR)
- 13/01381/LBC** **The Bull Inn The Street, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Listed Building Consent - Replacement of existing swing sign panel, wall mounted sign panels, replacement menu boards and lanterns, and replacement floodlights (LB)
- 13/01286/HOUSE** **Lidwells House North Road, Goudhurst**
- Single storey orangery on north elevation, extension of roofline to form gable, replace vertical tile hanging to north elevation and render area of tiling to north east corner, rendered entrance porch to east, re-instatement matching sash window to rig (LB)
- 13/01287/LBC** **Lidwells House North Road, Goudhurst**
- Listed Building Consent: Single storey orangery on north elevation, extension of roofline to form gable, replace vertical tile hanging to north elevation and render area of tiling to north east corner, rendered entrance porch to east, re-instatement matching sash window to right of porch, add basement below orangery, flush glass ground level roof lights to west elevation (LB)
- 13/01337/LBC** **Holmans Slip Mill Lane, Hawkhurst**
- Listed building consent - partial removal of wall/screen between living and dining room (LB)
- 13/01445/HOUSE** **Holly Cottage 46 Frant Road, Pantiles & St Marks**
- Replacement conservatory (CA)
- 13/01362/HOUSE** **15 Shandon Close Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
- Roof conversion with dormers (CA)
- 13/01392/HOUSE** **17 Calverley Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
- Partial demolition and refurbishment of existing orangery (CA) (LB)
- 13/01393/LBC** **17 Calverley Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
- Listed Building Consent: Partial demolition and refurbishment of existing orangery (LB)
- 13/01417/FUL** **Garden Cottage 16 Calverley Park Gardens, Park**
- Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new dwelling (CA)
- 13/01418/CAC** **Garden Cottage 16 Calverley Park Gardens, Park**
- Conservation Area Consent - Demolition of existing dwelling (CA)
- 13/01430/LBC** **Lloyds TSB Bank Plc 82 Mount Pleasant Road, Park**
- Listed Building Consent - new signage (LB)
- 13/01431/FUL** **Cheltenham & Gloucester PLC 62 Mount Pleasant Road, Park**
- Installation of ATM through shopfront with illuminated acrylic ATM tablet (CA)
- 13/01224/FUL** **Carthouse Chalkett Farm, Pembury**
- Change of use of cart house to holiday accommodation; Retrospective - Garden wall and new gate (LB)
- 13/01435/HOUSE** **Broomhill Stables Broomhill Road, Speldhurst**
- Demolition of existing outbuilding and construction of new building to provide a home office and storage (PROW)

(DEV/PLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

James Freeman
Head of Planning Services,
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS
Dated: 08 June 2013



THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL Town and Country Planning Act Notice of Applications

- MA/12/2214/S** - CHEGWORTH MANOR FARM, CHEGWORTH ROAD, HARRIETSHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1DD - Listed Building Consent for addition of cowl to chimney. **Reason: 3**
- MA/13/0359/S** - THE YALDING DEPOT, HAMPSTEAD LANE, YALDING, KENT, ME18 6HG - Replacement of existing portacabin with larger portacabin. **Reason: 1, 2**
- MA/13/0610/S** - 1 HALF YOKE HOUSE, HALF YOKE, FARLEIGH LANE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 9NA - Listed building consent is sought to carry out remedial works to existing oak beam over fireplace and removal of internal ground floor wall between kitchen and cupboard. **Reason: 3**
- MA/13/0676/N** - WELL COTTAGE, BENOVER ROAD, YALDING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6AS - Erection of a single storey rear extension, alterations to drive and new fencing. **Reason: 1**
- MA/13/0703/S** - THE BARN, GREAT CHEVENEY FARM, GOUDHURST ROAD, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9LX - Conversion of garden store to holiday unit. **Reason: 1, 7**
- MA/13/0714/S** - THE BARN, GREAT CHEVENEY FARM, GOUDHURST ROAD, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9LX - An application for listed building consent for internal alterations, installation of rooflights and associated works. **Reason: 3**
- MA/13/0775/S** - MOAT FARM, COLLIER STREET, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9RR - Conversion of oast and attached store to form a single dwelling including rebuilding of existing garage and demolition of modern agricultural shed/storage barn. **Reason: 1**
- MA/13/0829/N** - LITTLE SOUTH STREET COTTAGE, SOUTH STREET ROAD, STOCKBURY, SITTINGBOURNE, KENT, ME9 7RB - Erection of a single storey extension with link to main house and alterations to fenestration. **Reason: 1**

Reasons for advertisement key:

- 1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
- 2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
- 3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
- 7 - Application affects a Public Right of Way.

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm, and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **23rd June 2013**, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 9th June 2013



HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS - ASHFORD AREA

B2080 READING STREET, TENTERDEN & TENTERDEN ROAD, APPLIEDORE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway micro-surfacing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on B2080 Reading Street, Tenterden & Tenterden Road, Appledore, as shown below.

Works are planned to commence from 29 June 2013 to 2 days, between 08:30 hours and 17:30 hours each day.

The road will be closed between Redhill Bridge and the Garden Centre.

There will be no direct access between Tenterden and the Romney Marsh using this route.

The alternative route is via Appledore Road, B2067 Woodchurch Road, Brook Street, Kenardington Road, Warehorne Road, The Street, Marsh Road, Ashford Road, A2070 Ashford Road to Brenzett Corner Roundabout, B2080 Rhee Wall Road and Station Road The Street, Tenterden Road and Reading Street.

A brief repeat closure may be needed within 1-2 weeks of the above closures, to allow for replacement of lining, with date to be notified.

HIGHWAYS - CANTERBURY AREA

KING STREET, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to divert a sewer, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on part of King Street, Canterbury, on or after 24 June 2013, as shown below.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Knotts Lane and Palace Street.

The alternative routes are via King Street, Orange Street and Palace Street or via Knotts Lane, St Radigund's Street, Pound Lane, The Causeway, North Lane, St Stephen's Road, Kingsmead Road, Northgate and Borough.

Works are planned to commence from 24 June 2013 for an estimated period of up to 6 weeks.

PUCKLE LANE, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide a new electrical connection, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on part of Puckle Lane, Canterbury, on or after 24 June 2013, as shown below.

Works are planned to commence from 24 June 2013 for an estimated period of up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

Puckle Lane will be closed between the junctions with Prospect Place and Raymond Avenue.

The alternative route is via Puckle Lane, Nunnery Fields and Old Dover Road.

There will be a suspension of the One-way Traffic Order in respect of Puckle Lane, between the junctions with Raymond Avenue and Old Dover Road, to allow access.

THE CAUSEWAY, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on The Causeway, Canterbury, on or after 10 June 2013, as shown below.

The Causeway will be closed from the junction with Pound Lane to the entrance to Millers' Field (The Causeway) Car Park.

Works are planned to commence from 10 June 2013 to 2 days between 08:00 hours and 17:00 hours each day.

The alternative routes are

Southbound (towards Pound Lane) via North Lane, St Dunstan's Street and Pound Lane

Northbound (towards North Lane) via Pound Lane, St Peter's Place to Rheims Way Roundabout and return to North Lane

Millers' Field (The Causeway) Car Park will be closed on 11 June 2013, during these works.

HIGHWAYS- DOVER AREA

CANNON STREET, DEAL (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

For the safety of the workforce and public during site construction works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting waiting on part of Cannon Street, Deal, on or after 24 June 2013, for up to 15 months.

Waiting will be prohibited on the southern side of Cannon Street from the eastern boundary of number 23 westwards to the entrance to the Outdowns Medical Centre.

This applies Mondays to Fridays between the hours of 09:00 hours and 17:30 hours.

COOPER STREET DROVE, ASH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of the replacement of a culvert and other drainage works to alleviate long term flooding issues, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on part of Cooper Street Drove, Ash, on or after 24 June 2013, as shown below.

Works are planned to commence from 24 June 2013 for an estimated period of up to 1 week.

Cooper Street Drove will be closed in the vicinity of the sharp bend to the north of Brookstreet Farmyard. Access will remain from either direction up to the point of closure.

The alternative route is via A257 Sandwich Road, A257 Each End, Ash Road, Richborough Road and Cooper Street Drove.

HIGHWAYS - EAST KENT

HIGH SPEED ROADS, EAST KENT (50 MPH SPEED LIMIT) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

For the safety of the public and workforce during maintenance works, Kent County Council has made an Order to impose a temporary mandatory speed limit of 50 mph on high speed (dual carriageway) roads in East Kent from 10 June 2013 for up to 1 year, as shown below.

The Order applies when works are being carried and the relevant 50 mph speed limit signs are displayed on site.

This affects both carriageways of the dual carriageway roads shown below, where the existing speed limit exceeds 50 mph.

This includes, but is not limited to, all general maintenance and repairs, drainage and lighting works, litter picking and vegetation cutting.

The roads and extents of roads affected are as follows.

A20 FOUGERES WAY, ASHFORD - from the A20 Maidstone Road (Drivers Roundabout) to the roundabout at Junction 9 of the M20

A20 MAIDSTONE ROAD, ASHFORD - From Orchard Heights Roundabout to the junction with Sandhyhurst Lane

A2042 ROMNEY MARSH ROAD, ASHFORD

- From the A2070 Bad Munsterfeif Road to the Roundabout with Malcolm Sargent Road
- From the roundabout with Malcolm Sargent Road to the existing 40 mph speed restriction 250 metres from the Forestall Meadow Roundabout
- From the roundabout with Malcolm Sargent Road to the existing 40 mph speed restriction 250 metres south of the roundabout with the B2229 Norman Road

LYDDEN HILL, LYDDEN, DOVER - from junction with the A2 to the junction with Swanton Lane

A256 WHITFIELD BYPASS / DOVER ROAD - from the junction with the A2 to the Roundabout junction with Eastry Bypass

A256 SANDWICH BYPASS - from the dual carriageway section to the west of the roundabout junction with Monks Way to the existing 50 mph speed limit to the south of the roundabout junction with Ramsgate Road

A256 RICHBOROUGH WAY - from the national speed limit / 50 mph sign to the roundabout junction with Hengist way

A299 HENGIST WAY - from the junction with the A299 Canterbury Road West to the existing 50 mph / national speed limit sign

A299 THANET WAY - from the M2 Brenley Corner Roundabout to Monkton Roundabout (junction with A299 Canterbury Road West / A253 Canterbury Road)

A299 CANTERBURY ROAD WEST - from Monkton Roundabout to the junction with A299 Hengist Way

A28 CANTERBURY ROAD, THANET - from the A299 Thanet Way to Seamark Road, Birchington

HIGHWAYS - GRAVESEND AREA

CRETE HALL ROAD NORTHFLEET (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because Road Traffic Solutions require a cherry picker to gain access to the telecom tower, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Crete Hall Road Northfleet, on or after 11th June 2013 for up to 1 day between the hours of 9.30am and 15.30 until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside telecom tower.

There is no diversion in place

HIGHWAYS - MAIDSTONE AREA

HEATH ROAD, COXHEATH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway surfacing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Heath Road, Coxheath, on or after 15 June 2013 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Park Way to Stockett Lane.

The alternative route is via Park Way, Westway, Stockett Lane.

HIGHWAYS - SHEPWAY AREA

CHURCH ROAD, NEW ROMNEY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of drainage and carriageway repairs to alleviate flooding, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Road, New Romney, on or after 10 June 2013, as shown below.

Church Road will be closed outside 'Cranmore' (to the east of the junction with Lydd Road, with no through access between the junctions with A259 Lydd Road and Church Lane.

Works are planned to commence from 10 June 2013 to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The alternative route is via A259 Lydd Road, High Street and Church Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (A259 LYDD ROAD, NEW ROMNEY) (50MPH SPEED LIMIT) REVOCATION ORDER 2013

The Kent County Council in exercise of their powers under Sections 81, 82, 83 & 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act,

The effect of the proposed Order will revoke the existing 50mph speed limit from Spitalfield Lane to the B2075 Romney Road, which will be replaced by a new 50mph speed limit covering a greater extent.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which together with the relevant plans, any Orders affected by the proposals and a statement of the council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be examined on Monday to Friday at Kent County Council, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or at Shepway District Council Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent CT20 2QY

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to Traffic Schemes & MHF Team, Ashford Highway Depot, 4 Javelin Way, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8AD or by email to traffic.schemes@kent.gov.uk

by 12 noon on Monday 1 July 2013.

SANDLING ROAD, POSTLING, FOLKESTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of drainage and carriageway repairs to alleviate flooding, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Sandling Road, Postling, Folkestone, on or after 10 June 2013, as shown below.

Works are planned to commence from 10 June 2013 to 3 days, or until the works have been completed.

Sandling Road will be closed between the junctions with the A20 Ashford Road and Cuckoo Lane, with no through access between the A20 and Etchinghill / Lyminge.

The alternative route is via A20 Ashford Road, Beachborough, Canterbury Road and Sandling Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY) (20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) AMENDMENT NO.2 ORDER 2013

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make an Order under section 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which would be to:

- A259 Dymchurch Road, Dymchurch - Extend the current 40mph speed limit from near Redoubt way to a point 64m south west of the junction with Botolphs Bridge Road.
- A250 Lydd Road, New Romney - Extend the 50mph speed limit to a point 390m west of the junction with Romney Road.

A copy of the proposed Order, an explanatory statement and a map showing the lengths of roads concerned may be inspected during normal office hours at County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XQ or at the offices of the Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD.

Any person wishing to support the proposal, or to object to it should write to Richard Heaps, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD or e-mail tro@kent.gov.uk quoting the name of the Order and stating their reasons, by no later than 01/07/2013.

HIGHWAYS - SWALE AREA

STATION ROW LEVEL CROSSING, TEYNHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of level crossing maintenance, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Station Row Level Crossing, Teynham, on or after 15 June 2013, as shown below.

Station Row will be closed at the Level Crossing.

The planned closure is from Saturday 15 June at 23:59 hours until Sunday 16 June 2013 at 07:20 hours

There is no alternative route. Every effort will be made to maintain access whenever it is safe to do so.

HIGHWAYS - THANET AREA

HIGH STREET & NEW STREET, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER JUNE 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide electricity and water supplies to a new hotel, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on High Street and New Street, Margate, on or after 16 June 2013, as shown below.

Details of the roads affected, planned times and dates of closures and diversions are as follows.

HIGH STREET, MARGATE will be closed for 3 days, between the junctions with Market Street and New Street

Sunday 16 June to Tuesday 18 June 2013

The alternative route is via Market Street, Lombard Street, B2055 Hawley Street and New Street

HIGH STREET & NEW STREET, MARGATE overnight closure of High Street also extending to include junction with New Street; there will then be no access to High Street between junctions between Market Street and Queen Street

Monday 17 June from 18:00 hours through until 06:00 hours

The alternative route is via Market Street, Lombard Street, B2055 Hawley Street, Cecil Square and Queen Street

NEW STREET, MARGATE closed for 3 days at the junction with High Street, with High Street re-opened Wednesday 19 June to Friday 21 June 2013

The alternative route is via B2055 Hawley Street, King Street, The Parade and High Street

MARKET STREET, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to re-lay the carriageway blocks, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Market Street, Margate, on or after 10 June 2013, as shown below.

Market Street will be closed between the junctions with The Parade and High Street.

Works are planned to commence from 10 June 2013 to 3 days, or until the works have been completed.

The alternative route is via B2051 The Parade, Fort Hill, Fort Road, King Street and The Parade.

The One-way Traffic Order in respect of the part of The Parade (the one-way section fronting shops) will be suspended to allow access.

For further information, please contact
Kent County Council Highways & Transportation,
on 0300 333 5539 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



HIGHWAYS

PICTON ROAD, RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to install a new pumping station, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Picton Road, Ramsgate, on or after 24 June 2013 for an estimated period of up to 10 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with Grange Road.

The alternative route is via Grange Road, South Eastern Road and Crescent Road.

HIGHWAYS - TUNBRIDGE WELLS AREA**SANDHURST ROAD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to install an electric cable, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Sandhurst Road on or after 15 and 22 June 2013 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed. The environmental 7.5T weight restriction on Birken Lane/Liptraps Lane will also be suspended.

The road will be closed from Upper Grosvenor Road to Clifton Road.

The alternative route is via Sandhurst Road, Birken Road, Liptraps Lane, Lamberts Road, Dowding Way, North Farm Road. For over height vehicles is via Upper Grosvenor Road, Grosvenor Bridge, Quarry Road, Camden Road, Calverley Road, A264 Pembury Road.

SUMMERHILL, GOUDHURST (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway surfacing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on B2079 Summerhill, Goudhurst, on or after 11 June 2013 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed. The environmental 7.5T weight restriction on Sheephurst Lane will also be suspended.

The whole length of the road will be closed.

The alternative route is via Ballards Hill, Goudhurst Road, B2162 Maidstone Road, Sheephurst Lane, B2079 Marden Road/Winchett Hill.

John Burr
Director of Highways & Transportation
Kent County Council
Invicta House
County Hall,
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XQ

Dated 2nd June 2013

For further information, please contact
Kent County Council Highways
& Transportation,
on 0300 333 5539 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



PLANNING

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990****PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990**

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or its setting.

REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 24 JUNE 2013.

SW/13/0539:

Change of use from D2 - Snooker Club to D1 Day Nursery including external changes (windows & doors) - The Railway Club, The Mall, FAVERSHAM; REASONS 1 & 2

SW/13/0565:

Listed Building Consent for works to basement to create ventilation routes and installation of cast iron grilles - Forge House and Barrow House, The Street, BORDEN; REASONS 1 & 2

SW/13/0597:

Replacement of the existing headframe with new, installation of 3 no. new antennas and 2 no. new 600mm dish antennas upon a new headframe. Removal of 1 no. existing equipment unit and installation of 4 no. new, installation of new 1.8m palisade fence around perimeter - British Rail, Faversham Railway Station, Station Street, FAVERSHAM; REASON 1

SW/13/0600:

Change of use of Courtyard House from residential to commercial for use by hotel for additional bedrooms - Judds Folly Hotel, Syndale Park, London Road, OSPRINGE; REASON 1

SW/13/0615:

Two storey rear and single storey side extension with new porch - 3 Cellar Hill, LYNSTED; REASON 1

SW/13/0652:

Variation of condition 2 (Materials to match) of approved SW/10/0979 to change from brick to render - Yew Tree Villa, Lynsted Lane, LYNSTED; REASON 2

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman
Head of Planning

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010****KCC/DA/0174/2013 - Proposed development at Stone Pit II, St James Lane, Greenhithe, Dartford, Kent, DA9 9LT.**

Stonepit Restoration Ltd is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for proposed variation of planning permission DA/98/805/MR27 to extend the timescale for completing infilling and restoration.

You may view this application at Dartford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, Kent, DA1 1DR.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the Borough Council website.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning
Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 9 June 2013



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PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY & VILLAGE GREENS

IN THE BOROUGH OF ASHFORD

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMONS ACT 2006 - SECTION 15(1)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF LAND AS A VILLAGE GREEN

Application has been made to the Registration Authority, Kent County Council, by Mrs. L. Dash under section 15(1) of the Commons Act 2006 and in accordance with the Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2008. The application seeks the inclusion in the register of Town and Village Greens of the land described in the Schedule below which is claimed to have qualified for registration as a Town or Village Green by virtue of the use of the land for the purposes of lawful sports and pastimes 'as of right' and without challenge by the landowner for a period of over 20 years.

If the Registration Authority is satisfied that the land described below qualifies for registration as a Town or Village Green, it will so register the land.

The application, which includes a plan of the land proposed for registration, may be inspected at the offices of Kent County Council at the address below. Please contact the Commons Registration Team on 01622 221511 to make an appointment prior to visiting to ensure that a member of the team is available to assist you.

Any person wishing to make representations regarding the application should send a written statement of the facts upon which the representation is based to Commons Registration Team at Kent County Council, either by post at the address below or by email to commons.villagegreens@kent.gov.uk, so as to arrive no later than 24th July 2013. Please quote reference VGA653.

Representations must include the name and postal address of the person making them and the nature of their interest (if any) in the land affected by the application. They must also be signed by the person making them and state the grounds on which they are made.

Please note that any representations that are to be taken into account by the Registration Authority in reaching a decision on the application cannot be treated as confidential and may come into the public domain during the processing of the application. Copies of any objections or representations received will be forwarded to the applicant for comment and may be disclosed to other interested parties, including the Planning Inspectorate where the case is referred to it for determination.

Description of the land claimed to have qualified for registration as a Village Green

An area of land of approximately 2.3 acres (0.9 hectares) in size, situated at Grasmere Road and Bracken Close, Kennington in the town of Ashford.

PROW - IN THE CITY OF CANTERBURY

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH CB30 IN THE PARISH OF ST COSMUS AND ST DAMIAN IN THE BLEAN

PUBLIC FOOTPATH CB30 (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council has made an Order the effect of which is to temporarily close Public Footpath CB30,

between its junction with Public Footpath CB31 and Public Bridleway CB24A, from the 3rd June 2013.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months.

The path is to be closed because works are planned near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is via Public Footpath CB31 to the South and CB25 to the North and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact Louise Adams
Contact Centre no. 0845 3450210

Or for further details on temporary closures on the Rights of Way network see:

http://www.kent.gov.uk/environment_and_planning/countryside_access/traffic_regulation_orders.aspx

PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF DOVER

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE BYWAY EE245

IN THE PARISHES OF WORTH AND SHOLDEN

BYWAY EE245 (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 16A-C, AS INSERTED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION (SPECIAL EVENTS) ACT 1994 SECTION 1

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Byway EE245 between Dicksons Corner and its junction with Public Footpath EE247 from 05:00am on Saturday the 15th June to 22:00pm on the 23rd June 2013.

The path will be closed to facilitate the holding of The Amateur Golf Championship at the Royal Cinque Golf Club.

A safe and convenient alternative route is available. The alternative route can be used by all traffic and is from Dicksons Corner around the golf course rejoining the Byway at its junction with Public Footpath EE247. The alternative route will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Olivia Bonham
Tel: 01622 221169

Or for further details on temporary closures on the Rights of Way network see:

http://www.kent.gov.uk/environment_and_planning/countryside_access/traffic_regulation_orders.aspx

PROW - IN THE DISTRICT OF SEVENOAKS

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH SR351

IN THE PARISH OF WESTERHAM

PUBLIC FOOTPATH SR351 (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council has made an Order the effect of which is to temporarily close Public Footpath SR351, between Vicarage Hill and Public Footpath SR350 from the 3rd June 2013.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before 22nd July 2013.

The path is to be closed because works are planned near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is via SR350 and Mill Street and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact Nicky Biddall
Contact centre no. 0845 3450210

Or for further details on temporary closures on the Rights of Way network see:

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PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF SWALE

NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF AN ORDER TEMPORARILY CLOSING PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZR92

IN THE BOROUGH OF SWALE

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZR92) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

The Secretary of State for Transport has directed that the Order made by Kent County Council on the 3rd December 2012, the effect of which was to prohibit all traffic from Footpath ZR92 has been extended for a further 6 months.

The path is closed between 32 and 34 Springvale, Iwade and 48 and 50 Sheerstone, Iwade for a distance of approximately 72 metres.

The alternative route is via an alleyway between 50 and 48 a, b and c, Sheerstone and opposite 43 Springvale, Iwade and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact Michael Ellis

Contact Centre no. 0845 3450210

Or for further details on temporary closures on the Rights of Way network see:

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IN THE BOROUGH OF SWALE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZR350 (PART) NEWNHAM)

PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2013

The above named Order made on 24 May 2013 under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 will divert the

entire width of that length of Public Footpath ZR350 which commences on the unaffected length of Public Footpath ZR350 at NGR TQ 9442 5542 (Point A) and runs in a generally easterly direction for approximately 107 metres to its connection with Frith Road (U1994) at NGR TQ 9452 5544 (Point B) and will provide a new length of Public Footpath ZR350 with a width of 2.0 metres which commences at the aforementioned Point A at NGR TQ 9442 5542 and runs in a generally northerly direction for approximately 53 metres to NGR TQ 9442 5547 (Point C), thence generally east north easterly for approximately 94 metres to a new connection with Frith Road (U1994) at NGR TQ 9451 5550 (Point D).

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Offices of Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT or at the Kent County Council, Public Rights of Way & Access Service, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there at the price of £5.

Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent in writing to Laura Wilkins at the Kent County Council (address as below) not later than 9 July 2013. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

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Dated: 9th June 2013

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FOOTBALL

Brown under no illusions about the task ahead as Fleet start Kuwaiti adventure

By Greg Miles

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STEVE Brown is aiming to take Ebbsfleet United into the Football League after being unveiled as the club's new manager.

The Charlton Athletic legend has been put in charge on a rolling contract at Stonebridge Road following Kuwaiti group KEH Sports Ltd's takeover of the club, a deal brokered by former Addicks chief executive Peter Varney.

The purchase brings an end to the five-year ownership by web-based membership group MyFootballClub.co.uk.

Brown replaces Liam Daish, who stepped aside at the end of last month after eight years in charge, and will be assisted by former Charlton manager and player Steve Gritt.

Brown, who left his post as coach at Dover Athletic at the end of May, says he is hoping to hit the ground running in what is his debut job as a first-team manager.

"I'm part of a very exciting new challenge," he said. "Everyone who starts out in coaching harbours a dream of becoming a manager. I will hit the ground running – my attitude to making things work is immense.

"The aim is to get back up, I've just spent 18 months at Dover, swapping their squad around to get into the play-offs.

"We have been left with no players. When I walked in, there was no one signed on. The aim is promotion. That's the short term – the long term is to get into the Football League."

Brown said that once he started coaching after retiring following a recurring injury at 31 he knew he one day would become a manager.

"My immediate response was to have a year away from football and do the things you can't do in football, like have a Christmas. It was a mistake," he said. "I did eventually realise my heart belonged in football.

"Once I got the taste for it, I soon got the bug – and it grows. I knew pretty quickly it was the field I wanted to work within."

The 41-year-old, who has had coaching roles at Brighton & Hove Albion and West Ham, is hoping to take some inspiration from his former bosses.

"I've had three managers in my time – Alan



BOSS: Steve Brown aiming high at Fleet
Picture: ADY KERRY

VARNEY HOPING BROWN CAN EMULATE TEAM-MATES



THERE was no hesitation for new Fleet executive-vice chairman Peter Varney when it came to choosing his new manager.

Steve Brown was the man in question, who as a player made 282 appearances for Charlton Athletic, many of which came while Varney was on the board at the Addicks.

"I went straight to Steve,"

said Varney. "That old Charlton side with Dien Kiely, Chris Powell, Paolo Di Canio and Steve Brown – I just thought they would make good managers. Steve has just lacked the opportunity. Certain things have happened not of his making.

"Steve is now starting out – he's got to show the same drive and power that Chris [Powell] has."

Curbishley, Steve Coppell and Alan Pardew," he said. "Coppell is the most mild-mannered man in the dressing room – never shouts but gets his point across. Pardew is a man-motivator and Curbs is very thorough. They have been very successful and good at what they do and I draw from what they've done."

As part of the deal for the takeover, Brown will have a £100,000 transfer budget and an £8,000-a-week wage budget, which he feels will give them a shot at the play-offs.

"After the season they've just had, supporters just want to see some results and some goals," he said. "I know other budgets in this league – it's

not as good as other clubs, but it's good. It's amazing how quickly the phone lights up. It's a small industry, football. Numbers get exchanged – my phone has been pretty busy.

"There's an awful lot going on behind the scenes. I'm really excited about the challenge and can't wait to get going."

Already signed up from last season are Joe Howe and Paul Lorraine, while talks are also ongoing with keeper Preston Edwards, who was on England C duty in Bermuda this week. Brown has also spent £13,000 on securing the services of Dover Athletic midfielder Daryl McMahon, with whom he worked at the Crabble Ground.

Unexpected call leads to dawning of new era

AT the time it was nothing more than a couple of missed calls on a mobile phone, but little did outgoing Ebbsfleet United director Jessica McQueen realise what it would soon turn into.

With the club seemingly in meltdown with unpaid bills and wages – and things not looking good on the pitch being the least of their worries – McQueen took a phone call that would eventually put the club back on its feet and signal an end to the financial struggles under owner MyFootballClub.co.uk.

After some head-scratching and number-crunching over the tax bill, she gave up for the evening at the office in Stonebridge Road and made for Margate, where Fleet were to later win in the Kent Senior Cup quarter-final on Tuesday, April 23.

"When I got outside I had two or three missed calls. I called the number and recognised the voice but couldn't put a name to it," said McQueen. "But I soon realised it was Peter Varney and said 'It's been dreadful'.

"He said 'OK, I'll be in touch'. I thought 'I hope this isn't going to be a false dawn'. The next day Peter rang again and asked if we could meet him. We had a meeting and we revealed the state the club was in. He knew a lot and to our credit we have been straightforward – we were honest with him.

"He said 'OK, we have got someone who's possible, quickly, but it's got to move in three to four weeks'. We had a meeting sorted out very quickly – we had already had a copy of the offer come through."

The last few months have been unbearable for staff at the club as they went from week to week thinking each one would be their last.

"The people in this office had a terrible rough time – it's certainly affected their health," said McQueen. "You had that feeling at the back of your mind that we might not be here next week. You go home and you can't eat or sleep.

"The worst week was when we turned the phones off. We didn't answer the phones any more – we ran out of excuses. I said we wouldn't do that any more."

SPORTS SHORTS

ICE HOCKEY

Sheffield man Wild joins Parrish's Mos

INVICTA Dynamos coach Kevin Parrish is hoping that new signing Shaun Wild can make the most of his English Premier League experience when he plays for the club next season.

Wild became Parrish's fourth off-season signing at the Gillingham-based club. The 19-year-old joins from EPL side Sheffield Steeldogs, for whom he started playing aged 16 in the 2009/10 season.

Parrish said: "Shaun has now had plenty of EPL experience and he comes very highly recommended.

"He will join our roster as a defenceman and I anticipate him being the quick puck-moving 'd-man' that I have been looking for."

SPEEDWAY

Rose proves a thorn in the side of Kent Kings

KENT Kings were denied an opening win in the National League as King's Lynn Young Stars' Lewis Rose secured a 49-40 win for his side in Sittingbourne.

Rose took 16+2 points at the Central Park Stadium, where Kings reserve Jack Kingston ended up in hospital with a broken knuckle after a crash on the first bend.

Kings rider Ben Morley feels the results will come: "Once we all click, we will be able to beat pretty much most teams in the league.

"The trouble is one week a couple of riders will click and the next week another two will click, and we just need to get the consistency of all of us clicking together."

FOOTBALL

Fleet keeper captains England in Bermuda

OUT-OF-CONTRACT Ebbsfleet United keeper Preston Edwards captained England C to a 6-1 win over Bermuda on Tuesday night.

The 23-year-old, who is in talks over a new deal at Stonebridge Road, was one of four players from the county involved in the friendly against Bermuda's senior side at the National Stadium in Hamilton.

Edwards, who has been a mainstay in the side for the last few years, switched with Dover Athletic keeper Mitch Walker at half-time.

Making up the quartet were Welling United defenders Anthony Acheampong and Fraser Franks, who both completed the full 90 minutes for England's non-league representative side.

INDYCAR

Conway back on track with road-race victory

SEVENOAKS racer Mike Conway made a triumphant return to IndyCar at the weekend, claiming podium positions in both races at the Chevrolet Indy Dual in Detroit.

Conway quit racing on the fast oval circuits in IndyCar last season after suffering two horrific high-speed crashes in recent years, but he returned to action on the road circuit in Detroit.

Conway claimed victory in the first race on Saturday and finished third in the second race on Sunday.

He said: "I pushed really hard at the beginning and that may have taken a little bit out of the tyres, but they still felt pretty good towards the end."

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ASHES REMEMBERED

Crucial catch put England on track for Ashes victory

By Greg Miles

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THE Ashes of 2005 are all but a blur for Geraint Jones – that is apart from a split-second that etched his name in history.

With the first Ashes Test just a month away (July 10-14) we are starting our build-up to the summer's biggest sporting occasion by reliving some of the best moments of previous encounters involving Kent cricketers – first up is the county's stalwart behind the stumps, Jones.

England suffered a demoralising 239-run defeat in the First Test at Lord's in 2005 when a 29-year-old Jones was keeping wicket.

A second successive defeat at Edgbaston would surely have given the Aussies too much momentum to stop them winning the Ashes on British soil, which is why Jones's catch to clinch a two-run win in that Second Test was such a key moment in turning the series, which England eventually won 2-1.

"They thrashed us in the First Test," he said. "To come back was really important. We were all disappointed after the Lord's Test match with all the hype. Ultimately, when we came back at Edgbaston, we deserved the win. It gave us as a group of players, that regaining of confidence that we could beat them.

"It meant the series was still alive because if we had lost that one and gone 2-0 down, the Australians would have been dominant."

The crucial moment came when, with the Aussies needing just two runs to win, Michael Kasprovicz gloved Steve Harmison's delivery behind to spark wild celebrations.

"As it got closer and closer I always felt we would get another opportunity to take a wicket and more than likely it was going to come my way," he said. "You have to want the ball to come to you.

"It was quite a simple catch. I still remember the relief of rolling over and seeing the crooked finger. The relief was instantaneous.

"I've not really watched it back too many times, even though I've got the box set at home. It might be the kind of thing I sit down and watch with my kids when they're old enough to understand it."

The fact that it should not have been given out, having struck Kasprovicz's glove that was not holding the bat, obviously does not matter to

Picture: ADY KERRY



MEMORIES: Geraint Jones fondly remembers 2005 triumph

SWANN AND ANDERSON CAN GIVE ENGLAND EDGE

GERAINT Jones feels the safe money will be on England to win the Ashes this summer.

Although evenly matched in the batting department, Jones feels England will take the glory with the help of their world-class bowlers Graeme Swann and James Anderson.

Swann has recovered well from elbow surgery earlier this year that ruled him out of the remainder of the tour of New Zealand, while Anderson has been in fine form, recently notching his 300th

Test wicket against New Zealand on home soil.

"My money is definitely with the England side," said Jones. "I think the batting is evenly matched – it's more about the bowling edge we have with Swann. He's a big factor.

"Anderson and Swann will be the difference with bowling sides out. You have got to be able to take 20 wickets to win a Test match.

"The two captains lead from the front with the amount of runs they score. Michael Clarke has been incredible."



Jones: "It's a minor detail, in my eyes. In real time you could never tell that was the case in the game. Kasprovicz didn't once show his disappointment at being out."

With the Third Test at Old Trafford drawn, leaving the score at 1-1, England won the crucial Fourth Test at Trent Bridge by three wickets, thanks in part to a 177-partnership that Jones shared with Andrew Flintoff, the Kent keeper making 85.

"It was quite crucial, that partnership," he said. "It put us in a position to get the Aussies

under pressure. We had the lead and they needed to beat us to get the Ashes."

The bus tour around London followed, bringing with it a moment that Jones, who was later awarded an MBE, cringes at. He had held aloft an inflatable Doctor Who Dalek with the words 'Aussies exterminated' on it.

"I look back and think 'What a prat'," he said. "I had my time with that and passed it to the England women's side, who were on a bus behind us. The last I saw of that, it was stood next to the gate at the members' enclosure at Lord's."



Picture: NICK DUNNAN

INVALUABLE: Jackson pleased with testing time

MOTORSPORT

Break can put Jackson and Co on right path at Oulton after tough start

AIRWAVES Racing are hoping they have made the most of a five-week break ahead of a trip to Oulton Park this weekend.

The Kent-based team head to Cheshire in the fourth round of the British Touring Car Championships, having picked up three Top 10 finishes at Thruxton last time out.

They have used the break between rounds to fine-tune their NGTC Ford Focus STs, with their third one to be driven by the team's Porsche star Michael Caine at Croft later this season.

Airwaves driver Mat Jackson, who turns 32 on Monday, said: "We've been working really hard during the five-week break and we're confident we've made some positive changes with the car.

"The testing time that we've had has been invaluable and hopefully it will hold us in good stead for Oulton Park.

"Oulton's a great place to race at. It's a proper circuit that breaks the mould and I'm really looking forward to getting back out there again this weekend."

Motorbase Performance team manager Oly Collins is hoping for improvements from the cars after the work that has been put in.

"We seem to have had a positive break with plenty of running and it looks like we've made some improvements to the cars since Thruxton," he said. "We've had some good testing at Donington and Snetterton, so let's see how this weekend goes.

"The guys back at base have worked really well to get the third NGTC car ready during the break and we had another impeccable shakedown with that car, so full credit to them."

■ **Live coverage of Sunday's events will be shown on ITV4 from 11.30am-6pm, with itv.com featuring live streaming online of Saturday's qualifying session between 3.15pm and 3.45pm.**

FOOTBALL

Centenary kit dropped after vote by fans

GILLINGHAM will revert to their blue shirt from the 2011/12 season for their League One campaign after fans voted for a change.

Last season the Gills wore a specially-commissioned kit in celebration of their centenary season of being known as Gillingham, having previously been called New Brompton.

The shirt was inspired by the kit that the Gills wore in the 1913/14 campaign.

The red home kit, with blue trim, and the away kit, which saw the colours reversed, were tabled as options to be

Picture: ADY KERRY



BLUE: Gills to wear 2012/12 kit

retained for the new season in League One. The third choice was to revert back to the blue shirt from the 2011/12 season.

Fans buying their season tickets for the new term were

given the chance to vote for their favourite strip, with the blue kit being the clear winner with almost half of the votes.

Meanwhile, Birmingham City have entered the race to sign Gills midfielder Jack Payne.

The 21-year-old finished the season on loan at Peterborough United in the Championship and, despite their relegation, he earned plenty of plaudits.

The Posh did have an option to buy him for a pre-agreed fee with the Gills but now face competition from the West Midlands club.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Name-change tabled for Kent League

THE Kent League could be set for a name-change next season to better reflect the teams that play in it.

The league has applied to the FA for it to be renamed the Southern Counties East Football League.

The league feels it needs to change its name, with it not just representing Kent clubs.

It has for many years had London sides playing and last season was joined by Surrey outfit Whyteleafe.

Next season, subject to appeal, Sussex duo Crowborough Athletic and Rye United will be

playing in it also after a reshuffle of league places.

Also joining the Kent League next season are Ashford United, who have been promoted from the Kent Invicta League.

The Nuts and Bolts finished third in the Invicta League last season.

Normally just the league winners are promoted, but they have made the step up as part of a one-off arrangement, with the league expanding and needing more numbers.

Elsewhere, in a shock move, Kent League side Greenwich Borough's new surroundings

will be the envy of their opposition next season after they agreed to groundshare with Blue Square Premier club Dartford.

Borough will play on alternate Saturdays and Tuesdays with the Darts at the Princes Park venue.

Dartford chairman Bill Archer said: "We are very happy to help a club who found themselves homeless."

"Starting the season with a new chairman and manager, they are very keen and excited at the prospect of playing at our stadium."



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